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## THE GERMAN NAVAL BUDGET.

The recent German colonization scheme, inaugurated by Bismarck for the purpose of retaining the allegiance of Germany's surplus population, is becoming of vital interest to us in view of events in Samoa. Germany's acquisition of colonies in Africa and Oceania is supported by a thoroughly organized and constantly increasing naval force. Every possible feature of the admirable and almost perfect military service has been introduced in her navy. And the high degree of efficiency which has been obtained in their mobilization drills is far superior to that of any other naval power. The cruising squadrons are now almost equal to those of other navies, but the bulk of their naval force is kept at home dockyards. Each ship is maintained in a state of readiness for immediate service, has coal on board and separate store houses for articles which cannot be kept there, while the officers and crew, though at their distant homes, are always ready for immediate service on the receipt of telegraphic orders, to join their ships. All vessels may be sent to sea within forty-eight hours. Nothing has been neglected to insure the perfect operation of Germany's scientific naval organization, and a good illustration is afforded by an examination of the budget and financial naval policy.

The policy provides for the construction of a definite number of vessels in the course of a period of years, each annual budget being charged with instalments on the cost of building new vessels, and substitute vessels for such as reach a prescribed age. A wooden ship theoretically being superannuated when sixteen years old, and an iron vessel when thirty years old. Such ideas are practically foreign to us, as all our wooden ships are over sixteen years old, and some are over thirty years. The only iron ones, completed, are the three steel cruisers and despatch boat.

The German navy has cost two hundred and fifty million marks since 1866. A mark is nominally worth about 23 cents, but its purchasing power as expended by the frugal German is as great as our dollar.

The annual budget has increased from 28,420,989 marks in 1883, to 35,512,781 marks in 1889.

The appropriations of the budget for 1889 are as follows:

	Marks.
Admiralty.....	624,450
Hydrographic Office.....	172,770
Lighthouse Service.....	235,735
Naval Station Administration.....	197,965
Justice.....	29,550
Religion.....	46,855
Navy Personnel.....	8,364,270
Ships in Service.....	6,483,000
Provisions.....	2,312,780
Clothing.....	113,834
Quarters.....	927,854
Allowances for quarters.....	704,700
Medical Service.....	607,501
Mileage and Freight.....	477,750
Education and Training.....	151,802
Dockyards.....	11,024,558
Ordnance.....	2,150,425
Torpedo Service.....	1,008,022
Pilotage, buoys and lightships.....	308,990
Miscellaneous.....	170,300
	35,512,781

The expenditures, in addition, are appropriated under the head of non-continuous appropriations. Those for 1888-9 and 1889-90 are given for comparison:

	1888-9.	1889-90.
Marks.	Marks.	Marks.
1. For building armored vessel "O" third and final instalments.....	1,400,000	1,000,000
2. For building mine steamer, third and final instalment.....	800,000	900,000
3. Cruiser "C," second and final instalment.....	1,000,000	600,000
4. Despatch boat "F," second and final instalment.....	500,000	718,000
5. Cruising corvette H, second instalment.....	900,000	700,000
6. Cruiser D, first instalment.....	700,000	700,000
7-10. Armored ships—A, B, C and D, each, first instalment.....	820,000	820,000
11-12. Armored ships—P and Q, each, first instalment.....	500,000	500,000
13. Two torpedo division boats, first instalment.....	1,000,000	150,000
14. Purchase of steam water boat at Kiel.....	291,500	291,500
15. Torpedo depots, second and final instalment.....	120,000	120,000
16. Electric light projectors, second and final instalment.....	250,000	110,000
17. Battery for cruiser "U".....	463,000	500,000
18. Battery for despatch boat "F".....	500,000	500,000
19. Small arms, third and final instalment.....	10,000	45,000
20. Ammunition, fifth and final instalment.....	198,000	156,000
21. Increase of artillery park at Gester-münde.....	105,200	180,000
22. Acquisition of land for torpedo depot.....	22,476	257,500
23. Torpedo outfit for ships.....	156,000	156,000
24. Friederichsort torpedo depot.....	105,200	180,000
25. Construction and repair torpedoes, etc.....	180,000	22,476
26. Altering all material.....	22,476	257,500
27. Naval buildings at Wilhelmshaven.....	257,500	257,500
28. Dwellings at Friederichsort.....	257,500	257,500

29. Barracks at Cuxhaven.....	258,000
30. Drilling house at Wilhelmshaven.....	170,000
31. Extension of Kiel storehouses.....	19,000
32. Extension of Wilhelmshaven yard.....	12,000
33. Improvements to Wilhelmshaven church.....	8,000
34. For a naval telegraph school.....	16,500
35. Increase supply of clothing.....	675,000
36. Foundations for light-house.....	18,500
37. For wrecking tug.....	200,000
38. Building cruiser B.....	600,000
39. Building torpedo division boats.....	1,000,000
40. Dockyard lightening.....	300,000
41. Ord. laboratory, Wilhelmshaven.....	29,800
42. Five ton crane at Gester-münde.....	15,000
43. Ship's torpedo outfit.....	402,000
44. Mine material at Eibe.....	195,000
45. Construction and repair of torpe-does, etc.....	73,835
46. Providing protection of river fronts.....	25,000
47. Buoys at Wilhelmshaven.....	447,300
48. Enlarging dockyard quarters.....	28,800
49. Barrack hospitals.....	72,235
50. Boat dock, swimming tank, Kiel.....	90,000
51. Improved light-houses, etc., at Kiel.....	90,000
	9,506,500 14,480,170

## EXTRAORDINARY APPROPRIATIONS.

	1888-9.	1889-90.
Marks.	Marks.	Marks.
1. Construction of 4 guard boats.....	200,000	200,000
2. Battery of armored ship "O," flag.....	200,000	200,000
3. Guns for Eibe defense and forts.....	300,000	300,000
4. Torpedoes and torpedo boats.....	640,000	640,000
5. Submarine mine lighters.....	113,600	113,600
6. Incidental for torpedo establis.....	1,280,835	40,000
7. Battery for Cruiser B.....	250,000	250,000
8. Submarine mine lighters, etc.....	425,000	425,000
9. Submarine torpedo batteries, North Sea.....	270,000	270,000
10. Buildings at Eilenbeck.....	26,100	26,100
11. Buildings at Wilhelmshaven.....	54,600	54,600
12. Purchase of land at Wilhelmshaven.....	154,845	154,845
13. Land for naval hospital.....	230,000	230,000
14. Life saving depot at Diericksdorf.....	232,600	232,600
15. Incidental for Cuxhaven mine depot.....	131,500	131,500
	2,268,881	2,053,600

The budget explains the contemplated distribution of the naval force in the year 1889-90:

1. Cruising Squadron—1 steam frigate, 3 steam corvettes.
2. West African Station—3 cruisers and 1 gunboat.
3. East African Station—3 cruisers.
4. Asiatic Station—2 gunboats.
5. Australasian Station—1 cruiser and 1 gunboat.
6. Mediterranean Station—1 flagship.
7. School Squadron—4 cruising frigates (steam).
8. Squadron of Evolutions—4 armored ships, 1 despatch boat.
9. Reserve Divisions—2 armored ships, 1 armored vessel, and 2 torpedo division boats.
10. Armored Vessels Squadron—3 armored vessels.
11. Torpedo Boat Flotilla—16 torpedo boats and 2 division boats.
12. Cadets' School Ship—1 sailing frigate.
13. Naval Apprentices' School Ship—4 school ships and 2 brig.
14. Gunnery Drills—1 gunnery ship and 2 tenders.
15. Torpedo Training—3 torpedo vessels.
16. Guards at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven—2 armored ships.
17. Submarine Mining Drills—1 mine school ship.
18. Training Officers in Coast Defence—1 despatch vessel.
19. For Use of the Emperor—1 vessel.
20. For Surveying Coasts, etc.—2 vessels.
21. Protection of North Sea Fisheries—1 despatch vessel.
22. For Experiments—1 vessel.
23. For Trial Voyages—1 armored vessel, 1 cruiser, and 2 despatch vessels.

The budget is accompanied by a memorandum on the budgets of Russia, Italy, and France:

Russia, for 1888..... Rubels.	30,594,424	Marks.	128,720,000
Italy, for 1888-9..... Lire.....	104,248,502	Marks.	83,308,000
France, for 1889..... Francs.	306,959,104	Marks.	165,567,290

For new vessels or for completion of those commenced Russia will spend..... Rubels. 14,816,729 Marks 47,413,500  
Italy will spend..... Lire..... 27,950,000 Marks 22,300,000  
France will spend..... Francs. 39,471,800 Marks 31,577,440

The memorandum shows that the nine additional ships will cost when completed the sum of 15,130,019.08 marks. The expenditures for the existing fleet as in service are given in the following table:

Class of Ship.	Horse Power.	Tons.	Original Cost.	Repairs.	Total.
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13 armored ships..... 149 69,000 65,024 96,253,874 26,190,659 122,444,533  
14 armored vessels..... 17 11,500 13,466 17,253,750 2,731,946 20,015,736  
5 armored frigates..... 124 25,300 28,350 25,557,265 7,915,259 33,472,524  
10 cruising corvettes..... 306 21,100 20,703 21,854,334 2,991,262 24,845,596  
5 cruisers..... 22 3,600 4,012 3,734,640 2,214,997 5,949,637  
4 gunboats..... 10 1,370 1,579 1,832,904 653,177 2,486,081  
3 despatch vessels..... 21 12,300 9,403 9,777,419 4,814,832 14,592,251  
10 school ships, etc..... 65 4,900 11,588 8,975,565 5,833,250 14,811,813  
73 ships..... 830 157,470 171,545 184,062,769 60,935,791 244,998,560

120 torpedo boats are not included in the above.

The liberality and energetic measures of the Germans for building up their Navy is in striking contrast with the manner in which the United States Navy is now being constructed. None of our new cruisers are armored, they are all thin steel vessels, and the two battle ships, *Maine* and *Texas*, will not be finished for five years.

## CANDIDATES FOR ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The young medical students with ambition for a military life will soon have an opportunity to compete for commissions in the Army Medical Corps. A board of medical officers has been ordered, Lieut.-Colonel Alden, president, to convene in New York City on the 1st of May next. Forty candidates have already signified their intention of appearing for examination, and it is expected that that number will be doubled by the time the board convenes. The system of examining candidates in classes of not exceeding twenty, which was inaugurated in October last, having given such satisfactory results, the same plan will be adopted at the forthcoming examination. Under this system the board can dispose of twenty candidates within a week, while under the old method twice that time would be required. This being the season when the medical colleges are pouring out graduates, there ought to be little difficulty in securing a sufficient number of competent men to fill all existing and prospective vacancies for the next year. There are already six, and two more are due between now and July 1.

GENERAL H. G. THOMAS, Pay Department, U. S. A. is a guest at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

## PERSONAL ITEMS.

GENERAL HORATIO O. KING will be the Memorial Day orator at Orange, N. J.

LIEUTENANT G. S. BINGHAM, 9th U. S. Cavalry, and bride have joined at Fort Niobrara, Neb.

CAPTAIN J. H. CALEF, 2d U. S. Artillery, left Staten Island this week on a fortnight's leave.

CAPTAIN CHAR. A. DEMPSEY, 2d U. S. Infantry, is soon to be married to Miss Miskey, of Omaha, Neb.

MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., and staff visited New Orleans this week on their tour through the South.

LIEUTENANT F. E. HOBBS, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., lately returned from Europe, goes to Bethlehem, Pa., for duty.

COLONEL A. F. ROCKWELL, U. S. A., and Mrs. Rockwell have returned to St. Paul from nearly a month's visit to the East.

CHAPLAIN WINFIELD SCOTT, U. S. A., and Mrs. Scott have joined at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and received a hearty welcome.

LIEUTENANT L. H. WALKER, 4th U. S. Artillery, left Fort Adams, R. I., this week on leave, to return towards the end of April.

We are glad to be able to state that Mrs. Booth, wife of Captain C. A. Booth, U. S. A., who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

LIEUTENANT G. F. BARNEY, 3d U. S. Artillery, of Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., made a pleasant visit to Fort Barrancas, Fla., this week.

LIEUTENANT PHILIP READE's fourth paper in the *Elite News* of Chicago is an exhaustive discussion of the tactical use of the rifle versus its fire.

CAPTAIN D. SCHOOLEY, U. S. A., retired, who is now residing at Pittston, Pa., celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday on Monday of this week, April 1.

CAPTAIN R. P. STRONG, 4th U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Trumbull, Conn., early in the week from a short visit to friends in Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT C. C. GALLUP, 5th U. S. Artillery, is still on the sick list, at Macedon, N. Y., and may prolong his stay there for several months longer.

Mrs. NELSON A. MILES, who has been visiting in the East for some time past, has returned to San Francisco, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Sherman.

LIEUTENANT J. H. PHILBRICK, 11th U. S. Infantry, visiting at Waterville, Me., will rejoin at Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor, towards the end of April.

MAJOR E. B. KIRK, Quartermaster, U. S. A., who has been on duty at Atlanta, Ga., for the past four years, will shortly change base to Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The Regular Army experience of Colonel Thomas H. Barber is having a beneficial effect upon the 12th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., especially in point of discipline.

GENERAL A. V. KAUTZ, U. S. A., on leave, from Niobrara, is visiting in San Francisco, where he has many friends, having served for years on the Pacific Coast.

LIEUTENANT C. S. RICHÉ, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, after a pleasant tour of duty in New York Harbor, will shortly move his *lars* and *penates* to Detroit, Mich.

MAJOR A. G. ROBINSON, Quartermaster, U. S. A., after an agreeable tour at Jeffersonville, Ind., dating from November, 1887, will shortly go to New Orleans for duty.

MAJOR E. C. BAINBRIDGE, 3d U. S. Artillery, will bid good-bye to Newport, Ky., about the 1st of May, and go to Washington Barracks for duty at Regimental Headquarters.

LIEUTENANT W. E. CRAIGHILL, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., after a brief tour of duty at Baltimore, Md., will shortly go to St. Paul, Minn., for duty with Major C. J. Allen.

The Illinois Senate and House, by a rising vote, passed a joint resolution indorsing the action of President Harrison in nominating Hon. Robert T. Lincoln Minister to England.

MAJOR J. W. SCULLY, Q. M., U. S. A., who has been on duty at New Orleans since November, 1883, will go to Atlanta, Ga., in May, for duty, and, doubtless, will find the change agreeable.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lella Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Admiral Febiger, to Asst. Surg. C. B. Ewing, U. S. Army, stationed at the Washington Barracks. The marriage will take place soon after Easter.

HOWARD STOCKTON, Esqr., formerly of the Ordnance Department, U. S. A., and who resigned Aug. 1, 1871, has been elected president of the Bell Telephone Company. He is well known in New York City, where he served for some time as A. D. C. on the staff of Major General McDowell.

AFTER the death of General U. S. Grant, the newspaper men who had kept the public posted as to the progress of his fatal malady, formed an association which was called the "Fifty Million Club." The fourth annual reunion of the club was held, March 29, at Rogers' restaurant in Park Place, New York City. Dr. George F. Shrady, one of the physicians who attended General Grant, was the guest of the club.

A WASHINGTON correspondent writes: The Ex-Secretary of War and Mrs. Endicott are not in haste to surrender the joys of Washington. The ancestral associations of two centuries at Salem are slight compared with the compact pleasures of a single administration. It is said the ex-Secretary and wife are contemplating a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, during the approaching summer. The Whitneys, of delightful memory, socially speaking, have flown, to the infinite distress and loneliness of the whole world of fashion of the capital.



CAPTAIN DOUGLAS SCOTT, U. S. A., has arrived at West Point for duty.

MAJOR H. C. COOK, 18th U. S. Inf., projects a trip abroad, to return in August next.

CAPTAIN R. W. JOHNSON, Asst. Surgeon U. S. A., has joined for duty at Whipple Barracks, Ariz.

GENERAL R. H. JACKSON, U. S. A., left New London, Conn., on Thursday, for a short leave.

GENERAL A. W. GREELY, U. S. A., visited New York City this week and afterwards left for Boston.

MAJOR JOSEPH P. SANGER, Inspector-General, relinquished duty at San Francisco and the Presidio, March 22.

COLONEL HENRY DOUGLASS, 10th U. S. Infantry, was to leave Santa Fe, N. M., this week to spend a month on leave.

THERE will be but one retirement for age in the Army this month, that of Colonel D. L. Magruder, Surgeon, April 23.

MAJOR JAMES JACKSON, 2nd U. S. Cav., who lately left New York City, is a recent guest at the Occidental, San Francisco.

LIEUTENANT THOS. J. LEWIS, 2d U. S. Cavalry, was expected in New York City this week on a visit to friends at 20 East 35th street.

MAJOR ASA BIRD GARDINER, U. S. A., was in Washington this week and received a hearty greeting from many old friends there.

LIEUTENANT R. R. STEEDMAN, 16th U. S. Infantry, was to leave New York on Thursday for Michigan, in charge of a squad of recruits for the 23d Infantry.

CAPTAIN W. MCK. DUNN, 2d U. S. Artillery, commandant of Jackson Barracks, La., left New Orleans early in the week for Boston, Mass., on private business.

MRS. GENERAL LOGAN and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, are successfully editing a new monthly, entitled the *Home Magazine*, published at Washington.

CAPTAIN H. B. FREEMAN, 7th U. S. Infantry, was to be in Omaha this week to receive from General Brooke the Nevada Trophy won by his Company "H," in 1888.

CAPTAIN J. L. TIERNON and Lieut. C. W. Foster, 3d U. S. Artillery, of Newport Barracks, Ky., paid a visit to Columbus Barracks, O., this week on Court-martial service.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL O. C. BOSBYSHILL lectured on "The Petersburg Mine," at the United Service Club, Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, before a large and interested audience.

LIEUTENANT E. W. HUBBARD, 1st U. S. Artillery, visiting at Hartford, Conn., has reported to the Governor of that State for special duty during the approaching Centennial Celebration in New York City.

THE San Diego, Cal., *Union* says: Mrs. Charles A. Booth, the wife of Captain Booth, U. S. Army, is slowly recovering from a severe illness at the Hotel del Coronado, where she has been spending the winter.

GENERAL J. C. ROBINSON, U. S. A., wife, and daughter, who have been spending the cold season at Austin, Tex., will pass a portion of April in San Antonio, and will return to Binghamton, N. Y., about the 1st of May.

LIEUTENANTS O. M. LISSAK, of Ft. Adams, J. B. Bellinger, of West Point, and C. A. Bennett, of Washington Barracks, were at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia this week to be tested as to their fitness for transfer to the Ordnance Department.

QUEEN VICTORIA was much shocked by the death of John Bright. Despite his democratic tendencies his loyalty to the crown and personal regard for the Queen were so pronounced that he never failed to get a respectful hearing at Windsor.

GENERAL ADAM G. MALLOY, formerly an officer of 17th U. S. Inf., a gallant soldier during the war, and who left the service in 1870, is the present commander of the G. A. R., Dept. of Texas, and the editor and publisher of the *Texas Republican*.

LIEUTENANT DANIEL B. DEVORE, 23d U. S. Inf., a recent arrival at Fort Brady, Mich., has taken charge of the adjutant's office, the schools and signal and ordnance matters at the post under the direction of the commandant, Capt. Jas. Henton.

A Fort Spokane correspondent writes: "It is a matter of common report among the men that an enlisted man serving here, under an assumed name, is a West Pointer, and was once a first lieutenant in a cavalry regiment, but resigned to escape a court-martial."

Among Army visitors to Omaha, Neb., this week, were Major D. W. Benham, 7th Inf., of Fort Laramie; Capt. W. H. Clapp, 16th Inf., of Fort Douglas; Capt. C. S. Roberts, 17th Inf., of Fort D. A. Russell; Capt. F. H. E. Estein, 21st Inf., of Fort Sidney, and 1st Lieut. J. B. Jackson, 7th Inf., of Camp Pilot Butte.

THE Society editor of the *San Francisco News Letter*, says: "I wonder if there are many who know that a lady who is destined to play a very prominent part in Washington society during the ensuing four years has lately been paying a very quiet visit to San Francisco. I allude to Mrs. Proctor, the wife of our new Secretary of War, who has been spending some time on the coast, with her daughter, Mrs. Holden, and left again for the East on Tuesday."

MAJOR W. P. GOULD, U. S. Army, retired, lectured March 26 at Christ Church chapel, Indianapolis, for the benefit of the mission work of that church. His lecture was entitled "Some Memories of a Trip around the World," and was in the main an account of his actual experiences during such a journey. As the Major joins close observation to good descriptive powers, his hour's talk was heartily enjoyed by his audience, and at the conclusion he was enthusiastically applauded.

GENERAL JAMES H. WILSON is mentioned as likely to be the new Minister to China.

LIEUTENANT E. A. LEWIS, 18th U. S. Infantry, has left Fort Hays for Fort Lyon, Colo.

LIEUTENANT F. M. BEALL, Signal Corps, U. S. A., was a visitor in Philadelphia this week.

CAPTAIN W. S. SCHUYLER, 3th U. S. Cavalry, has left Fort Elliott, Tex., on a six weeks' leave.

MAJOR W. P. GOULD, U. S. A., retired, is a guest for the present at "The New Denison," Indianapolis.

GENERAL JOHN NEWTON, U. S. A., has been re-elected president of the Panama Railroad Company.

LIEUTENANT CLARENCE DEERMA, 4th U. S. Artillery, left Fort Adams, R. I., on Tuesday to be absent for a week.

CAPTAIN JOHN CARLAND, 6th U. S. Infantry, was expected at Fort Lewis, Colo., this week, to take command of Co. A.

LIEUTENANT J. K. THOMPSON, 23d U. S. Infantry, took charge this week of ordnance and signal matters at Fort Porter, N. Y.

CAPTAIN JOHN M. NORVELL, 12th U. S. Infantry, who is recuperating in the East, has had his sick leave extended two months.

LIEUTENANT F. W. MANSFIELD, 11th U. S. Infantry, who visited in New York City this week, will return to Sackett's Harbor next week.

LIEUTENANT A. C. MACOMB, 5th U. S. Cavalry, called East recently by the death of his father, will rejoin at Fort Reno, L. T., about the middle of April.

Among recent subscribers to the National Confederate Soldiers' Home at Austin, Tex., are Gens. J. M. Schofield, P. R. DeTrobriand and Adam Badeau, of the U. S. Army.

LIEUTENANT R. T. EMMETT, 9th U. S. Cav., and family have arrived in New York City from Fort Niobrara, and the Lieutenant has entered upon duty as assistant to the Cavalry recruiting officer at 157 Hudson street.

A FLOURISHING Vermont Society of the Sons of the Revolution was organized at Montpelier April 2. The society was instituted under the direction of Gen. T. S. Peck, of Burlington, who is a member of the New York society.

GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN, U. S. A., was an honored guest on Tuesday evening at the second annual camp fire of the New York Conference Veteran Association, composed of clergymen who were members of the New York Conference last year.

The next regular meeting of the Association of Vicksburg Veterans will be held at Indianapolis May 22. All honorably discharged Union soldiers and sailors who served under Grant during the Vicksburg campaign are eligible to membership, and are cordially invited to attend.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. VIVEN, 12th U. S. Infantry, and bride, are spending a few days in Chicago. Mrs. Viven is a San Francisco lady and will be a welcome addition to the pleasant social circles at Fort Sully, Dakota. Captain Viven has been in the 12th for 25 years, only two other officers (Captain MacGowan and Captain Egbert) remaining of the 1886 roster.

MISS CARRIE CRAIGIE, daughter of Capt. Craigie, 12th Infantry, sang on the evening of the 29th, at a musicale given at "Metzger Institute" Carlisle, Pa., where she is a pupil. Her voice gives great promise for one so young, and is remarkable for its clear bell like notes. She has perfect control over it, and sings with great ease. It shows careful training. To her encores she replied with becoming modesty and grace.

MISS FRANCES K. SMALL, daughter of General M. P. Small, U. S. A., of Baltimore, who has been spending some time with her parents at Thomasville, Ga., has recently contributed to the *Baltimore American*, a well written article entitled "Among the Pines," descriptive of life in the region surrounding Thomasville, a "sunny spot in the pine forests of Georgia."

A WASHINGTON press "special" says: Colonel Michael Sheridan will shortly be ordered to Chicago. He has been busily engaged in settling up the estate of his brother, the late General Sheridan, but now that the business is in good shape, will leave at an early date to enter upon his new duties. The friends of General Whipple will shortly present his name to President Harrison for the position of Adjutant General, to be vacated by the retirement of General Drum next month.

Or Capt. Chas. F. Roe, commandant of Troop A, 1st New York Dragoons, a newspaper gossip writes: "Capt. Roe is late of the 2d U. S. Cavalry—a famous organization of dragoons whose history has been so charmingly written by Gen. Theodore F. Rodenbough. Capt. Roe has seen 20 years of active service on the plains, and is an officer of eminently practical ideas. He is of commanding presence, and in uniform the beau ideal of a dashing sabreur. He is said to have undertaken the command and development of the troop as a recreation, rumor crediting him with the ability to draw his check for a cool million."

THE prophet of the *National Tribune* ventures upon the following: First I should prophesy that Gen. John C. Kilton will be the next Adjutant-General; that Gen. Beekman Du Barry will be the next Commissary-General; that Gen. Charles H. Tompkins will be Quartermaster-General; that Col. Basil Norris, (the chum of Gen. Grant) will be Surgeon-General, and Major Thaddeus H. Stanton will succeed Gen. Rochester as Paymaster-General. For the Generals in the line I have an idea that that gallant old veteran, Gen. Charles H. Smith, Colonel of the 19th Inf., will succeed General Gibbon, and on his retirement for age in November, 1891, he will be in turn succeeded by Gen. Edward Hatch, now Colonel of the 9th Cav. General Stanley will be retired for age in 1891, and I have a fancy that General August V. Kautz, now Colonel of the 8th Inf., will succeed him.

EX-CONGRESSMAN JOHN R. THOMAS, of Illinois, expects the appointment of Second Comptroller of the Treasury.

THE War Department has very wisely concluded to order a Court-martial for the trial of Capt. Geo. A. Armes, U. S. A., retired, whose notorious conduct prior to his retirement and since has been a source of much annoyance and mortification to the Army.

LIEUTENANT E. P. LAWTON, 13th U. S. Inf., has taken charge of quartermaster and subsistence matters at Little Rock Barracks, in succession to Lieut. W. A. Simpson, 2d U. S. Art., who accompanies the light battery of his regiment to Fort Riley in a few weeks.

LIEUTENANT L. H. STROTHER, 1st U. S. Inf., recently appointed regimental adjutant in succession to Capt. F. H. Edmunds, who relinquished the position on promotion, is an able officer of ten years' service. The appointment takes him from Fort Gaston to Angel Island, Cal.

UNDER recent orders Capt. D. F. Stiles and C. S. Burbank and Lieuts. W. Paulding, V. E. Stottler and W. H. Wilhelm, 19th U. S. Infantry, change base from Fort Crawford to Fort Lyon, Col., and Capt. F. E. Lacey and Lieuts. B. Eldridge, I. W. Littell, W. T. Littlebrant and A. W. Ferry from Fort Lyon to Fort Crawford. Capt. F. E. Lacey will be the new commandant of Fort Crawford.

THE *National Tribune*, referring to the detail of Colonel Thos. F. Barr, as Military Secretary to the Secretary of War, says: "Col. Barr is learned in the law, has an eminently judicial mind, and has also that enviable quality of thorough impartiality that enables him to thoroughly sink himself and see only the right or wrong of a question and the good of the service. Gov. Proctor and the Army are alike to be congratulated. Beyond the official side of the case, there is reason for congratulation to Washington in that Col. and Mrs. Barr again become residents here, for no official family has ever formed part of the Capital's society that stood higher in public favor." The *Washington Sunday Herald* says: "The newspaper men had come to regard Col. Barr as peculiarly their own property, because of his invariable courtesy toward the craft, as well as his disposition to furnish them with all legitimate news occurring at the War Office. Therefore his readjustment is welcomed as a consummation devoutly to be wished. No officer of the Army is better qualified to discharge with satisfaction to the public and fidelity to the Secretary the duties he has entered upon."

CAPTAIN L. M. MAUS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., of Fort Porter, attended the recent annual banquet of the Alumni of the University of Buffalo, and in response to the toast, "The Army Medical Man," made a most interesting address, in the course of which he said: "I can truthfully say that I feel proud in being an humble member of what I regard as a distinguished branch of the medical profession. The names of Beaumont, Bartholow, Hammond, Gouley and Van Buren, who has not heard of them? Woodward and Otis, those really great men, who, in creating that great work, 'The Medical and Surgical History of the Rebellion,' erected at once their mausoleums and enduring monuments. These men all wore the army blue and shone in the higher walks of medical life—Dr. Billings, the accomplished editor of the *Index Medicus*; Sternberg, the noted bacteriologist; and last, though not least, Alfred C. Girard, to whom is due the credit of introducing to the American profession Listerism of a dozen years ago, the ordinary precautions of surgery of to-day; all of these shining lights are to be found in the brevet list of the Army medical man. It affords me pleasure also to refer to another class of Army medical men, who doubly serve their country by labors in the civil walks of life, and by his periodical service with the State troops of which he is a member. The valuable medical adjunct to summer campaigns and State troop manoeuvres stands ever ready, like Cincinnatus of old, to exchange the plow for the sword when his country sounds the call."

CAPTAIN A. P. COOKE, U. S. N., registered at the Gilsey House, New York City, early in the week.

PAYMASTER W. W. BARRY, U. S. N., is a recent guest at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

LIEUTENANT D. H. MAHAN, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Mahan are recent guests at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

MAJOR A. S. NICHOLSON, Adjutant and Inspector of the Marine Corps, inspected the Marine Barracks at Norfolk, Va., on April 2.

PASSED ASSISTANT ENGINEER HUGH H. CLINE, U. S. N., has successfully passed his examination for promotion to chief engineer.

COMMANDER B. P. LAMBERTON, U. S. N., will bid good-bye to friends at Norfolk, Va., in a few days, and take command of the *Jamestown*.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TRACY and Pension Commissioner Tanner will be the guests of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., in Brooklyn, April 9.

MRS. WILSON PATTERSON, of Baltimore, gave a dinner a few evenings ago in honor of Commander Pickens, U. S. N., the fiancée of her sister, Miss Laura Sherwood.

MR. H. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, has recovered from his recent illness, and is again on duty in the Department.

LIEUTENANT HOWARD S. WARING, U. S. N., and family have taken a home in Washington at No. 3 B street, which they will occupy during the remainder of the year.

LIEUTENANT JOHN F. PARKER, U. S. N., and Mrs. Parker have left Washington to pay a short visit to relatives in Ohio. Mrs. Parker is a niece of Mrs. Harrison and a daughter of Mrs. Scott Lord.

CHIEF NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR WILSON is confined to his house by a severe cold contracted during the bad weather of last week. During his absence from the Bureau Naval Constructor Philip Hloborn is acting as chief.



CAPTAIN GEORGE C. REMEY, U. S. N., on duty at the Navy yard, Norfolk, Va., is in Washington on a short visit to his brother, Judge Advocate General Remy.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES A. BRADBURY, of the Navy, who has been on duty in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, for the past seven years, has received preparatory orders for the Yorktown.

On the southeastern bank of Honey Lake, 30 miles northeast of Chicago, is the homestead of Rear Admiral Kimberly. Grandma Kimberly, as she is called, mother of the admiral, is a fine old lady, one of the early settlers of Chicago.

THIEVES stole, April 2, from the rooms of the New Haven Historical Society in the State House, the sword of Admiral Foote, held by the society as a relic. It is a presentation sword studded with jewels and precious stones, valued at \$6,000.

NAVAL ADVICES from San Juan Del Sur, state that the U. S. American longitudinal expedition, in charge of Lieut. Norris, has arrived there. The work was to be finished and the party leave for the United States by April 9. All are well.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER CHARLES H. STOCKTON, U. S. N., who at present is a member of the Commission to select a site for a Navy yard on the Pacific Coast, has been ordered to command the *Thetis* at San Francisco. He left for his station on April 3.

THE following officers registered at the Navy Department during the week ending April 5: Lieut. Comdr. S. W. Very, Capt. Henry Erben, Comdr. J. M. Forsyth, Lieut. Comdr. Geo. R. Durand, Lieut. E. M. Lisle, T. B. Howard, W. P. Clason, R. M. Doyle, David Daniels.

THE death of Commander Schoonmaker will promote the following officers: Comdr. B. J. Cromwell, Lieut.-Comdr. George R. Durand, Lieut. Uriel Seabree, Lieut. (junior grade) Moses L. Wood, and Ensign James H. Glennon. All of these officers have received orders to appear before the Naval Examining Board.

COMPLYING with a request of a committee, the Secretary of the Navy has given permission to the colored employees of the Navy Department who wish to participate in celebrating the twenty-seventh anniversary of the emancipation of slaves in the District of Columbia to be absent from duty after 11 A. M. on that day.

PRINCE TAKCHIHITO and party, making a tour of the world's navy-yards and ordnance works in the interest of the navy of Japan, March 28 inspected the big plant of the Bethlehem Iron Company. The new Government Ordnance Department was shown them in detail and valuable information was imparted. Acting President Linderman, of the company, gave a dinner in honor of the visitors, and after tea with Capt. Jacques they left Bethlehem for Washington.

THE New London *Telegraph*, referring to the relief from duty at the Naval Station of Capt. O. F. Stanton, Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden and Paymr. Chas. W. Littlefield, says: "Capt. Stanton returns to his home in Sag Harbor, and Lieut. Belden will remain at his home in New London until further orders. It can be truly said that these three officers are held in high esteem by the people of New London generally and their retirement from the station will cause regret."

REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT W. SHUFFELDT, U. S. N., retired, and Miss Shuffeldt, arrived in New York early in the week from Japan via the Suez Canal. He has been abroad three years travelling for pleasure, and most of that period he spent in Japan and Corea. The Admiral, says the *Herald*, is a bluff old mariner nearly 70 years of age, with a bronzed face and closely cropped whiskers. He is ill at ease in retirement, and expects to start off soon again on a long voyage. "If I were younger," he exclaimed, with enthusiasm, "I would explore Equatorial Africa."

A CORRESPONDENT writes that "the nomination of Capt. George B. White to be Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks was quite a surprise in naval circles, as it was generally thought that Commodore George Brown, the present commandant of the Norfolk Navy yard, would get the place, but after several interviews with the Navy Department officials it became evident that he could not be selected. He will remain on duty at Norfolk for another year. Capt. Joseph Skerrett and George Denny were supposed to be the next formidable candidates, while Commodore Weaver, who was pursuing a still hunt for the place, was almost certain of securing the billet."

LADY HORNBY, wife of the British admiral, is a "character." Years ago she was struck in the eye by a shot from a catapult in the streets of London, and lost its sight. She is, however, as sharp as a needle, and her one remaining eye amply does duty for both. She is one of the most courageous women alive, and once saved the life of a favorite cat by herself biting a mad dog at the tail. She delights in nothing so much as startling people, and once sent a hotel full of dowagers into fits by telling them the secret of her plentiful supply of exotics was her habit of going round the cemetery every morning and snatching them from the tombs. There are endless stories about the sayings and doings of her ladyship; and she does all she knows to foster a character for eccentricity.

HENRY W. RAYMOND, who has been appointed private secretary to Gen. Tracy of the Navy Department, was in youth trained by his father, Henry J. Raymond, the founder of the *New York Times*, to be his successor in the editorship of that paper. He was a bright writer after his graduation from Yale over 20 years ago, but in a short time his father died, and his career in New York journalism was cut short. He tried his fortunes in various lines out West, and subsequently took hold of a rural newspaper somewhere in Pennsylvania, and there he was found by Secretary Tracy, who had been an old friend of his father and a writer for the *Times*. Mr. Raymond is well qualified in every way to perform the duties of the office to which he has been appointed, and there is no doubt that both his amiability and his alertness will be needed in it.

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF MELVILLE will visit the Brooklyn Navy-yard April 6 on official business connected with the machinery of the *Maine*.

A PHILADELPHIA gossip writes: "The number of people about town with a naval training is greater than many suppose. On Chestnut street recently we noted several who were either students at or graduates of the Naval Academy. Henry Whelen, a member of the firm of Whelen Bros., brokers, graduated at Annapolis in 1866. His cousin, William N. Whelen, also a member of the firm, was a midshipman for several years, but he took more kindly to stocks and bonds than to sextant and compass. Theodore M. Etting, Select Councilman from the Eighth Ward, was a graduate in 1867. R. Mason Lisle, well known at the bar, was also a graduate, and was retained as a lieutenant on account of imperfect hearing. Perry M. Washabaugh, colonel of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, also served awhile as a 'middy' when the Naval Academy was at Newport. Montgomery Wilcox, of the coal shipping firm of Graeff, Wilcox and Bro., took a partial course and Jacob E. Noel, a prominent real estate dealer, graduated in 1865 and became an expert in electrical matters before resigning from the Navy."

#### FACTS FROM THE NEW ARMY REGISTER.

Showing the number in each arm and grade of the Service who were graduates of the Military Academy, appointed from civil life or from the Army; the number who were in volunteers; those who have a record of war service and those with no war service. Total in active service, 2155. There are several of those accredited to the Army who had only nominal service in the ranks, while many of the civil appointments, and some of those from M. A., had been previous service in the Army. There are about 45 who were in the M. A. and failed to graduate. All but 22 of the retired list saw service during the war, and there are still 96 first lieutenants with war records.

	Military Academy.	Civil Life.	Army.	Volunteers.	War Service.	No War Service.	Total.
General officers.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	12
A. G. Dept.....	11	1	1	1	1	1	16
Inspr. Gen.'s Dept.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
J. A. Dept.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Q. M. Dept.....	25	1	1	1	1	1	30
Sub. Dept.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	23
Med. Dept.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Pay Dept.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Corps of Engrs.....	109	1	1	1	1	1	113
Ord. Dept.....	49	1	1	1	1	1	53
Signal Corps.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Chaplains.....	34	1	1	1	1	1	39
1st Cavalry.....	30	1	1	1	1	1	35
2d ".....	24	1	1	1	1	1	29
3d ".....	24	1	1	1	1	1	29
4th ".....	31	1	1	1	1	1	36
5th ".....	30	1	1	1	1	1	34
6th ".....	32	1	1	1	1	1	36
7th ".....	25	1	1	1	1	1	30
8th ".....	20	1	1	1	1	1	24
9th ".....	24	1	1	1	1	1	29
10th ".....	30	1	1	1	1	1	35
1st Artillery.....	42	1	1	1	1	1	47
2d ".....	43	1	1	1	1	1	48
3d ".....	35	1	1	1	1	1	40
4th ".....	43	1	1	1	1	1	48
5th ".....	40	1	1	1	1	1	44
1st Infantry.....	16	1	1	1	1	1	20
2d ".....	11	1	1	1	1	1	15
3d ".....	16	1	1	1	1	1	21
4th ".....	17	1	1	1	1	1	22
5th ".....	11	1	1	1	1	1	15
6th ".....	14	1	1	1	1	1	18
7th ".....	15	1	1	1	1	1	19
8th ".....	11	1	1	1	1	1	15
9th ".....	17	1	1	1	1	1	21
10th ".....	13	1	1	1	1	1	17
11th ".....	18	1	1	1	1	1	22
12th ".....	15	1	1	1	1	1	19
13th ".....	17	1	1	1	1	1	21
14th ".....	10	1	1	1	1	1	14
15th ".....	12	1	1	1	1	1	16
16th ".....	15	1	1	1	1	1	19
17th ".....	16	1	1	1	1	1	21
18th ".....	14	1	1	1	1	1	18
19th ".....	16	1	1	1	1	1	20
20th ".....	16	1	1	1	1	1	21
21st ".....	22	1	1	1	1	1	26
22d ".....	15	1	1	1	1	1	19
23d ".....	13	1	1	1	1	1	17
24th ".....	15	1	1	1	1	1	19
25th ".....	12	1	1	1	1	1	16
Total active list.....	1087	917	171	645	905	1250	5075
Retired list.....	128	363	69	334	468	22	1324
Professors M. A.....	0	1	1	1	1	1	5

#### THE MONITORS AT RICHMOND.

A *Herald* correspondent writes: "The monotony of the season is relieved by occasional excursions to the well scrubbed decks and agreeable quarters of the monitor fleet, just three miles below the city, on the James River, where Commander McCurley and his charming wife extend a hearty hospitality. Mrs. and Miss McCurley will spend some weeks in the city, where they have become favorites in Richmond's somewhat exclusive social circles. During the spring Commander McCurley, with the line officers to be added to his fleet, will give a series of entertainments on board the monitors, which will take the place of the usual May and June garden parties. It is expected that in due season a naval band will be added to the present attractions of the fleet, and the grim monitors from warlike terrors will be transformed into floating palaces of peaceful gaiety."

THE report of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Ensign R. P. Schwerin, U. S. N., late of the *Thetis*, has been submitted to Secretary Tracy, but as yet that official has taken no action. It will be remembered that for neglect of duty he was sent from Sitka, Alaska, under arrest to the Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal., by his commanding officer, Lieut. Commander W. H. Emory, who upon his arrival there preferred charges against him. Both officers have appeared before Secretary Tracy and submitted their versions, and a decision is expected in a few days.

#### THE DISASTER AT SAMOA.

No multiplication of words can add anything to the impression of the serious disaster which has overtaken our Navy at Samoa. We confine ourselves, therefore, to the statements contained in authentic despatches and reports thus far received, and elsewhere comment editorially upon this most unhappy event.

To Secretary of Navy, Washington, D. C.:

Hurricane at Apia March 15. Every vessel in harbor on shore except English man-of-war *Calliope*, which got to sea. *Trenton* and *Vandalia* total losses. *Nipsic* beached; rudder gone; may be saved; chances against it. Will send her to Auckland if possible. *Vandalia* lost four officers and 39 men, namely:

Captain Schoonmaker, Paymaster Arms, Lieutenant of Marines Sutton, Pay Clerk John Roache, Henry Baker, W. Brisbane, Jr.-Mr. William Brown, B. F. Davis, Michael Craig, M. Erickson, Thomas G. Downey, U. B. Green, George Gorman, E. M. Hammeur, Joseph Griffin, C. H. Hawkins, W. Howatt, M. H. Joseph, John Kelly, Thomas Kelly, George McRae, C. P. Kiatzer, Thomas Riley, H. R. Hatman, C. E. G. Hanford, John Milford, Ah Peck, Ah Kow, Techor, Pending.

First Sergt. John Hantchett, Sergt. Frank A. Lessman, Corpl. Michael Cushe, Privates Adolph Goldner, Frank Jones, George Jordan, Nicholas Kinsella, Aylmer Montgomery, John Sims, Gilbert H. Wells, Henry C. Gehring, Samuel Kraus and Joseph Wirted.

*Nipsic* lost 7 men, namely: George W. Cattan, John Gill, Joshua Heap, Thomas Johnson, David Kelleher, Henry Pontselt, William Watson.

All saved from *Trenton*. *Trenton* and *Vandalia* crews ashore; *Nipsic*'s on board. All stores possible saved. German ships *Adler* and *Eber* total losses. *Olga* beached; may be saved. German losses, ninety-six. Important to send 300 men home at once. Shall I charter steamer? Can charter in Auckland. Lieut. Wilson will remain in Auckland to obey your orders. Fuller accounts by mail. KIMBERLY.

The names in this despatch printed in italics are those of the marines lost.

Secretary Tracy immediately went over to the Navy Department and sent the following dispatch: Lieutenant Wilson, for Kimberly, care of American Consul, Auckland.

Take such steps with regard to the *Nipsic* and wrecks and sending men home as you may deem proper. Full power given you. *Monongahela* sailed for Apia February 21. TRACY.

BERLIN, MARCH 30.—1:51 P. M.

To Secretary Blaine, Washington:

The Foreign Office has been officially informed that in a typhoon at Apia the *Eber* and *Adler* were totally lost, and that 90 sailors are dead. The *Olga* stranded, with no losses. Three American and all the merchant vessels in port were lost. Sixty Americans are dead. The English war-ship was damaged, and has gone to Sydney. PENDLETON.

A despatch from Auckland, April 2, says: "The Government of New Zealand has placed the steamship *Hinemoa*, a vessel of 542 tons, at the disposal of Admiral Kimberly in consequence of the loss of the American men-of-war at Samoa during the recent hurricane there. The British cruiser *Rapid*, of 1,420 tons and mounting 12 guns, has sailed hence for Samoa. One hundred and twenty officers and men, belonging to the German warship wrecked at Samoa, have arrived here en route to Germany."

The hurricane in the South Pacific Ocean swept over 1200 geographical miles, embracing in its track the Hervey and Society groups of islands. The American ship *Red Cross*, from New South Wales for San Francisco, was driven ashore at Raratonga and wrecked. The crew was saved. The American ship *Ada Owen* was wrecked at Ouara. Her crew was saved. Wreckage from the British ship *Suakim*, from New South Wales for San Francisco, was seen at Aitutaki. It is supposed that the crew perished.

A London despatch of March 31 says:

Further particulars of the disastrous storm at Apia have just been received. The hurricane burst upon the harbor suddenly. The German man-of-war *Eber* was the first to drag her anchor. She became unmanageable and was driven helplessly on the reef which runs around the harbor. She struck broadside on at 6 o'clock in the morning. The shock caused her to lurch and to stagger back, and she sank in a moment in deep water. Most of her men were under hatches and scarcely a soul of them escaped.

The German warship *Adler* was the next to succumb. She was lifted bodily by a gigantic wave and cast on her beam-ends on the reef. A terrible struggle for life ensued among the officers and sailors aboard. Many plunged into the raging surf and struck out, some reaching the shore in safety. Others clung to the rigging until the masts fell. Of the latter, two gained the shore safely. The captain of the *Adler* and several other officers were saved.

In the mean time the United States steamer *Nipsic* had been dragging her anchors and drifting towards the shore. The captain, however, managed to keep control and ran her on a sandbar. Boats were immediately lowered and the whole company were saved with the exception of seven men, who were drowned by the capsizing of a boat. The United States steamer *Vandalia* was carried before the gale right upon the reef. She struck with a terrible shock, and the captain was hurled against a Gatling gun and stationer before he could recover a great sea swept the deck and washed him away. The vessel sunk fifty yards from the *Nipsic*. Several of the officers and men were washed overboard and drowned. Others perished while making desperate efforts to swim to the shore. Some remained for hours, clinging to the rigging, but heavy waves dashed unceasingly over them, and one by one they were swept away.

Soon after the *Vandalia* had sunk the American warship *Trenton* broke from her anchorage and was driven upon the wreck of the *Vandalia*, whence she drifted to the shore. The bottom of the *Trenton* was completely stove, and her hold was half filled with water.

By this time night had set in. Many natives and Europeans had gathered on the shore, and all were anxious to render assistance to the wrecked vessels and their unfortunate crews, but darkness having fallen on the scene, they were wholly unable to be of service.

As morning broke the German man-of-war *Olga*, which had hitherto bravely withstood the gale, although much battered by the heavy seas that constantly broke upon her, became unmanageable and was driven upon the beach, where she lay in a tolerably favorable position.

Several despatches have been received in Balti-



more from persons on the wrecked vessels who had relatives in that city. Lieut. R. M. G. Brown, of the *Trenton*, is a son-in-law of President Davis, of the West Virginia Central Railway. Mrs. Brown, March 20, received a special telegram from her husband, which said: "I am all right." The dispatch was sent from Auckland, that morning.

There were seven Naval cadets on board the *Trenton* and three on board the *Vandalia*. The cadets on the *Trenton* were these: Benjamin W. Wells, Jr., son of W. P. Wells, iron merchant, of Chicago; Benj. C. Decker, son of Henry Decker, of the law firm of Bisbee, Ahrens and Decker, of Chicago; George W. Logan, son of Thomas A. Logan, of Cincinnati; Frank W. Hibbs and Robert Stocker, of Minnesota; W. S. Clarke, of New Jersey, and Richard H. Jackson, of Alabama. On board the *Vandalia* were these: Edward Moale, Jr., son of Major Edward Moale, U. S. A.; Charles E. Johnson, of Ohio, and Samuel P. Edmonds, of Missouri. All of these cadets were saved.

A dispatch from Washington of March 31 says: The news of the death of her son, George W. Callan, who was lost from the *Nipsic* in the Samoa disaster, completely prostrated his mother yesterday afternoon. Some neighbors took to Mrs. Callan a copy of a paper containing her son's name in the list of the killed. As soon as the mother's eye rested on the name of her son she fainted away and remained unconscious nearly a half hour. When she became conscious again she was delirious and had to be kept by force from leaving the house. In a few minutes she fainted again, and during the entire afternoon and evening she was unconscious, with short intervals of delirium.

The storm which caused the disaster at Apia was a repetition on a larger scale of the one by which the *Constitution* and a number of other vessels were wrecked a month previously. At that time the gale came from the north, and the harbor of Apia being entirely unprotected from that direction it was impossible for sailing vessels to protect themselves. The English man-of-war *Calliope* found herself in an extremely dangerous position on that occasion. Fortunately, she had been outside the harbor practicing her guns before the gale came up, and had a full head of steam on. She was thus enabled to put to sea, where she rode out the storm in safety. The German ship *Eber* was not so fortunate. She was unable to make headway against the storm, and was in imminent danger of being driven on the reef, but the *Olga* sent a line aboard of her and she was towed into safety.

Queen Victoria sent a cable message through Lord Salisbury to the British Legation in Washington, March 31, directing that her earnest sympathy be expressed to the President of the United States on the terrible naval misfortune at Samoa and the deplorable loss of life. Mr. Edwards, the British Charge, accompanied by the Secretary of State, waited upon the President that afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and read to him the Queen's message. In reply, the President expressed his warm appreciation, and that of the whole people of this country, of the Queen's considerate sympathy in the calamity that had overwhelmed our naval forces at Samoa. A more formal reply to the Queen's message would be made, the President said, through the Department of State.

The following despatches have also been received:

"LONDON, April 2.

"To the Secretary of the American Navy:

"Allow me to express the heartfelt sympathy and regret myself and brother officers feel in the loss suffered by the American Navy at Samoa.

"CHARLES BERESFORD."

"GIBRALTAR, March 31, 1889.

"To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington:

"The officers of the English Channel fleet sympathize with the American Navy on the terrible loss of life from wrecks at Samoa."

To this message the following reply was made:

"WASHINGTON, April 1, 1889.

"Admiral Commanding Her Majesty's Channel Fleet, Gibraltar:

"Accept for yourself and the officers of your command my grateful acknowledgment on behalf of the United States Navy for your message of sympathy and good will occasioned by the recent disaster at Samoa. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy."

From a financial standpoint the U. S. Government suffers a greater loss than Germany by the Samoan hurricane. It is difficult to figure exactly the total cost of the *Nipsic*, *Trenton* and *Vandalia*, owing to the numerous alterations and repairs made since their original construction, but roughly estimated they represent over \$2,000,000. The three German vessels cost less than half that amount. The cost of the *Adler* is stated at \$220,235, the *Olga* at \$569,060 and the *Eber* at \$145,000.

The English Government through the loss during the month of March of the armored *Sultan* and the training-ship *Cumberland*, suffers a reduction in the monetary value of its navy equal to that of our Government. The *Sultan* was valued at \$2,000,000 and the training-ship *Cumberland*, while she had about out-lived her usefulness, cost originally not less than a million. But England escapes the loss of valuable lives which has fallen upon Germany and America.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSELS.

The three American vessels were all built under Secretary Roushon's term of office, about 12 years ago. The *Trenton* was the largest and fastest vessel of the old Navy, as well as the latest of construction. The *Vandalia* was of the same class as the *Sivota*. She was rather small, but still a fine sloop-of-war. The *Nipsic* was quite small and of the same size as the *Alliance*. The *Trenton* was launched in New York in 1877 at the Navy-yard. She was ship-rigged, 251 feet long, 48 feet beam, drew 20.6, and was 3,900 tons displacement, about 800 tons more than the *Boston* and *Atlanta*. She had 4.0 officers and men aboard when she sailed from home. She had a speed of 12.6 knots, but engineer officers recall the fact that when in the Red Sea she astonished the Englishmen by easily running away from crack vessels of their fleet rated as 14 and 16 knot vessels.

The officers of the *Trenton* are: Captain, Norman H. Fairbairn, commanding; Lieut.-Commander, Henry W. Lyon; Lieutenants, Robt. M. G. Brown, Samuel L. Graham, Lazarus L. Hamey and Bernard O. Scott; Lieutenants (Junior grade), Wm. H. Allen; Ensign, John J. Blandin; Naval Cadets, Robt. Stocker, Frank W. Hibbs, Benton C. Decker, Benj. C. Decker, Wm. S. Clarke, Geo. W. Logan and R. H. Jackson; Medical Inspector, Charles H. Whitte, fleet surgeon; Assistant Surgeon, Stephen B. White; Pay Inspector, Ambrose J. Clark, fleet paymaster; Chief Engineer,

Andrew J. Kiersted, fleet engineer; P. A. Engineers, Herschel Main and Robert W. Galt; Assistant Engineer, Clarence H. Matthews; Chaulin, Adam A. McAllister; Captain of Marines, Robt. W. Huntington; Boatwain, John McLaughlin; Gunner, John Westfall; Carpenter, Benjamin E. Fernald; Sailmaker, Samuel H. Boutwell.

The *Vandalia* was built at the Boston Navy-yard and launched in 1878. She was 217 feet long, 30 feet beam, 17.3 draft, and 2,100 tons displacement. She was rated as a 12 knot ship and carried 200 officers and men. The following is a correct roster of the *Vandalia's* officers: Capt. C. M. Schoonmaker, Lieut. J. W. Carlin, Lieut. J. C. Wilson, Lieut. A. E. Culver, Lieut. F. H. Heath, Ensigns C. S. Ripley and J. H. Gibbons, Chief Engr. A. S. Greene, Paymr. F. H. Arms, Surg. H. P. Harvey, P. A. Engr. H. Webster, P. A. Surg. F. J. B. Cordeiro, 1st Lieut. F. E. Sutton, U. S. M. C., Naval Cadets H. A. Wiley, J. A. Lejeune and L. A. Stafford, Pay Clerk J. Roche.

The *Nipsic* was a vessel of the old Navy, but after six years' repairing at the Washington Navy-yard, she emerged in 1878 as a practically new vessel, little but the old keel remaining. She was bark-rigged, 185 feet long, 35 feet beam, drew 14.5 feet, displacement 1,375 tons, and was a slow vessel as things now go, being set down as a little over 10 knots in speed. She sailed away from the United States with 180 officers and men aboard, making the total strength of the American fleet 849 men, or nearly double the strength of the German forces.

The officers of the *Nipsic* are: Commander, Dennis W. Mullin, commanding; Lieutenants, John M. Hawley and Richard G. Davenport; Lieutenant (Junior grade), John A. Shearman; Ensigns, Wm. P. White, John L. Purcell, Harry A. Field and Hilary P. Jones; P. A. Surgeon, Ezra Z. Derr; P. A. Paymaster, John Corwin; Chief Engineer, George W. Hall; P. A. Engineer, Horace R. Frick; 1st Lieutenant of Marines, T. G. Fillette.

The German vessels lost are the *Olga*, launched in 1880, a composite (iron and wood) screw corvette of 2,169 tons; length, 220 ft.; beam, 42 ft. 7 in.; draught, 15 ft. 4 in. She carried eight 5-inch and two 3-inch breechloading rifles, one boat gun and four machine guns. Maximum speed, 14 knots; coal capacity, 2,400 miles. In size and crew she resembled the *Vandalia* of our Navy, but her battery was far heavier and more efficient, particularly at long range. She was not fitted with torpedo tubes.

The *Adler*, a composite gunboat of 884 tons; length, 177 ft.; beam, 33 ft. 10 in.; draught, 11 ft. 6 in. Launched in 1883, and carried two 5-inch and two 4-inch B. L. rifles. Engines were of 724 h. p.; maximum speed, 11 knots. She would be about a match for the new gunboat *Petrel*, now building at Baltimore. She was commanded by Capt. Kiott, of the Imperial German Navy.

The *Eber*, a small sloop of the size of the *Meteor*, which fought the French gunboat off Havana in 1871. She carried three 3 in. B. L. rifles. Maximum speed, 9 knots.

The British corvette *Calliope*, which escaped shipwreck by going to sea, was launched at Portsmouth, England, in 1884. She is built of steel with iron and copper sheathed, and has a displacement of 2,770 tons. Her length is 235 ft.; beam, 44 ft. 6 inches; draught, 10 ft. 11 in. She carries four 6-in. and twelve 5 in. B. L. rifles, two boat guns and ten machine guns. She has two torpedo tubes. Her commander is Capt. H. C. Kane, R. N., and she went into commission for the Australian station Jan. 25, 1887.

The German vessels *Sperber* and *Alexandrine* are now on their way to Samoa to replace the wrecked vessels. The corvette *Alexandrine* is wood, iron, and steel, of 2,373 tons burden, 236 ft. long by 43 ft. beam and 18 ft. draught. She is of 15 knots speed. Her battery is made up of 12 5 1/2 inch and two 3 1/2 inch 4-ton B. L. rifles, four revolving cannon, and a torpedo tube and equipment. The *Sperber* is a new cruiser of composite type, 1,125 tons burden, 144 1/2 knots speed, and is armed with eight 4.13-inch Krupp rifles, four Hotchkiss revolving cannon, and two torpedo tubes.

A despatch from Zanzibar, April 4, announces that the German corvette *Sophie* was to start for Samoa April 5. Another from Kiel reports that the German naval authorities have ordered the cruiser *Habicht* and the gunboat *Wolf* to be put in readiness at once to proceed to Samoa. The *Sophie* is an iron and wooden screw steamer, launched in 1881. She is 213 feet long, 40 feet beam, and 17 feet draft; 1,825 tons displacement. Her speed is 13 knots, and she carries four 15cm., six 12cm., and one 8cm. guns and four machine guns, and 240 men. The *Habicht* was launched in 1879. She is 164 feet long, 28 feet beam, with a draft of 11 feet. Her speed is given at 12 knots, and she carries one 15cm., four 12cm., and four 8.7cm. guns, and 128 men. The *Wolf* is an iron gunboat, launched in 1873, and claiming only nine knots speed. She carries two 11.5cm. and two 8.7cm. guns and 83 men. She is 130 feet long, 22 feet beam, and has a draft of 9.25 feet.

The Navy Department is making every effort to secure adequate representation at Samoa. Orders have been sent to have the *Richmond*, *Alert*, and *Adams* sent to Apia at the earliest practical moment. The *Alert* is at Honolulu, ready to sail when she coals and provisions, and can reach Samoa in a month. The *Richmond* is on the east coast of South America and must go around Cape Horn. The *Adams* is under repair at the Mare Island Navy-yard, to sail in about three weeks. The *Yantic*, now at Brooklyn, will be ready to sail May 10, probably to relieve the *Richmond*.

#### THE NIPSIC AGAIN AFLOAT.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 4, 1889.

The British man-of-war *Calliope*, which escaped injury in Apia Bay during the cyclone there on March 15 and 16 by being able to put to sea, has arrived here. She reports leaving Samoa on March 21. The United States man-of-war *Nipsic* had then been floated off of the beach, the natives lending material assistance.

Before the hurricane burst every precaution had been taken by the commander of the *Calliope* to render the vessel secure. Five anchors had been dropped, but when the storm was at its height four of the anchor chains snapped and the vessel began to drift. The captain then determined to leave the reefs, and, if possible, reach the open sea. This he eventually succeeded in doing, working his way out at the rate of half a knot an hour. Tremendous seas broke over the vessel, inflicting much damage, but fortunately not a life was lost.

#### NAVAL ACADEMY.

It is expected that the intended addition to the Naval Academy grounds at Annapolis will be made at once. When this addition of fifteen acres is made the grounds will have a mile of water front on three sides.

The practice steamer *Wyoming* has already begun the first of a series of weekly cruises in the bay for the instruction of the cadets.

The following candidates have been permitted to report at the Naval Academy, May 15, for examination for naval cadets and the districts represented: R. T. Boyd, 7th Alabama; Joseph D. Eberle, 4th Arkansas; Fred. R. Perkins, 3d California; P. T. Haines, Jr., District of Columbia; John A. Cobb, 3d Georgia; Emory Winslip, 6th Georgia; Kenton W. Kibbie, 15th Illinois; T. B. McDonald, 6th Maryland; John P. J. Ryan, 19th New York; W. B. Randolph,

24th New York; Van R. Smith, 31st New York; E. C. Steam, 3d Ohio; O. P. Jackson, 11th Pennsylvania; A. J. Talcott, 2d Rhode Island; Henry L. Daily, 4th Texas; Chas. A. Caine, Utah; W. A. Baehr, 6th Wisconsin.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Wood and Co., of New York, have just issued a work which will be of much interest and value to the medical officers and members of the Hospital Corps of the Army and National Guard. It is entitled "A Handbook for the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Army and State Military Forces," by Major Chas. Smart of the Army, and is an exceedingly compact volume of 577 pages, bound in flexible leather covers, with brass clasp, to match the Infantry Tactics of Gen. Upton and other companion volumes. The volume is divided into three parts. The first deals with hospitals and hospital duties at posts in time of peace, and in the field in time of war, giving the rich experience of the author as gathered in Virginia during the war, and in many campaigns against the Indians since that time. The second part introduces the reader to the anatomy and physiology of the human system, to prepare him for the third part, which includes the elements of first aid, intelligent nursing and ward supervision. This last part prepares the student for the management of all the accidents that may happen to either the soldier or citizen. The book is finely illustrated by wood engravings from pen drawings, which supplement the text and throw light on most of the subjects that are susceptible of this treatment. The Hospital Corps of our military organizations will owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Smart for this valuable little handbook.

G. P. Putnam's Sons have added three other volumes to their admirable series of "The Story of the Nation." One of the new volumes is "The Story of Holland," by James E. Thorold Rogers, Professor of Political Economy in the University of Oxford, etc. It is provided with a map of Holland and illustrated with many portraits of the great Netherlands leaders who have made the history of Holland one of the most intense interest. How close in resemblance to a chapter of our own history, is the page which describes the death of William the Silent. A man who, in firm integrity of purpose and patriotism, was akin to Lincoln, like him, was shot down by an assassin who would have escaped had he not stumbled when close to a moat upon the other side of which a horse was awaiting him. Lake Lincoln, too, William of Orange died just as the country he loved was about to profit by the fruits of his clear-sighted devotion. A second volume is the "Story of Mexico," by Susan Hale. This is of special interest on account of the increasing intimacy of our relations with our sister republic. Since railroad communication was opened with Mexico, a trip to that delightful country has become the favorite winter excursion, and travellers who go there will add to their enjoyment if they carry with them some knowledge of the history of a country so full of interest and romance. They can read this book upon their journey in their comfortable vestibule cars, and on arrival talk as learnedly to the natives, of Mexican traditions, as if themselves numbered among the descendants of the Montezumas. A third addition to the series is "The Story of Phoenicia," with map and many illustrations. This is by George Rawlinson, M. A., Camden Professor of Ancient History of Oxford, etc., author of "The Five Great Monarchies of the Ancient Eastern World," etc. This series of histories will make a valuable addition to any library, especially for young people, in whom they may awaken a delight in history which would fail to be ever aroused by the lengthy tomes of the Dryasdust chroniclers. They are all handsomely illustrated, handsomely printed, and in every way creditable specimens of the publishers' craft.

#### ORDNANCE NOTES.

There is to be a third series of experiments with repeating rifles at Beverloo, Belgium. Lieut.-Gen. Baron Van der Smitten has given his report on the last series, showing that the best results were obtained with the Austrian Mannlicher, the Casper Engb. and the Mauser, each of which is superior to the Lebel. The Pieper and Schulof rifles are at present left out of the competition.

W. H. Frendenthal, of the Quartermaster's Department at Washington, April 2, made arrangements with General Manager Clements, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, for the delivery of three flat cars at Annapolis, Md., which will be used to transport 10 heavy guns to the Navy-yard at Mare Island, Cal. The guns were to leave Annapolis April 2. The battery will be placed in the new cruiser *Charleston*.

The Pneumatic Gun Carriage Board met at the proving grounds at Annapolis, Md., on Friday morning to test the eight-inch pneumatic gun carriage built for the Navy Dept. by the Pneumatic Gun Carriage and Power Co. The Board of Ordnance and Fortifications have been invited by the Secretary of the Navy.

According to the promise officially made to Congress by the Chief of Ordnance of the Navy last fall, the time is now due for the test of the Clark deflection armor. Several weeks, however, will elapse before the promise is complied with, as some preliminary trials will first have to be made with the 10-inch gun now reported ready for firing. The trials at the Clark target are to be made in the presence of the Naval Advisory Board to be present.

The model of the centrifugal dynamite gun invented by Mr. Hicks, and recently illustrated in the JOURNAL, has been taken to England for submission to the Admiralty.

THE Paris *Cocarde* says that General Boulanger, being warned April 1 that the government was preparing for a coup, arranged matters so that he should not fall into the government trap, and left the city. The police are mystified. "The general," adds the *Cocarde*, "will appear when duty requires him. It is our impression that he has hidden himself temporarily, perhaps in Brussels."



## THE ARMY.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, President and Commander-in-Chief.

REDFIELD PROCTOR, Secretary of War.

## ARMY NOMINATIONS, April 1, 1889.

Medical Department—Major Charles C. Byrne, surgeon, to be lieutenant colonel and surgeon; Capt. Curtis E. Munn, assistant surgeon, to be major and surgeon.

## ARMY CONFIRMATIONS, March 28, 1889.

Eighth Infantry—2d Lieut. Wm. A. Mercer to be 1st Lieut., vice Summerhayes, appointed assistant quartermaster.

April 2, 1889.

Medical Department—Major Charles C. Byrne, surgeon, to be surgeon with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, March 28, 1889, vice R. H. Alexander, deceased.  
Capt. Curtis E. Munn, assistant surgeon, to be surgeon with the rank of Major, March 28, 1889, vice Byrne, promoted.

First Infantry—2d Lieut. Charles B. Voderes to be 1st Lieutenant, March 28, 1889, vice Sirother, appointed regimental adjutant.

G. O. 29, H. Q. A., March 25, 1889.

Publishes act, approved March 2, 1889, making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes.

G. O. 30, H. Q. A., March 26, 1889.

Publishes the act, approved March 2, 1889, for the relief of certain volunteer and regular soldiers of the late war and the war with Mexico.

G. O. 31, H. Q. A., March 26, 1889.

1st Lieutenant Charles B. Schofield, 2d Cavalry, is announced as A. D. C. on the staff of the Major General Commanding the Army.

\* By command of Major General Schofield:  
R. C. DRUM, Adj. Gen.

G. O. 33, H. Q. A., April 1, 1889.

Publishes detailed instructions looking to a more thorough examination of recruits, and directions for recording the personal markings on accepted recruits.

## CIR. 7, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, March 25, 1889.

Publishes a table so that Post and Regimental Commanders and Recruiting Officers may have information of the "Authorized and Actual Strength" of troops and companies in the Department, and guard against making enlistments or assignments in excess of the "Authorized Strength."

## STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

## Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Major Joseph P. Sanger, Insp. Gen., is relieved from temporary duty at Div. H. Q., and will proceed to Fort Leavenworth (S. O. 23, March 22, Div. Pacific).

## Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Major A. S. Kimball, Chief Q. M., will proceed on public business to Fort Huachuca, Ariz. (S. O. 27, March 25, D. Ariz.).

The furlough for twenty days granted Post Q. M. Sergt. Charles H. Allen is extended one month (S. O. 31, March 28, D. Dakota).

Major J. G. C. Lee, Chief Q. M., will proceed on public business to Fort Townsend (S. O. 31, March 19, D. Columbia).

The leave for twenty-seven days granted Major Almon F. Hookwell, Chief Q. M., is extended two days (S. O. 23, March 22, D. Dakota).

A furlough for four months, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Post Q. M. Sergt. Henry Ahlers, Fort Elliott (S. O. 33, March 23, Dept. Mo.).

A furlough for four months is granted Commissary Sergt. Charles Raab, Fort Gibson (S. O. 32, March 23, Div. Missouri).

Capt. Charles A. Woodruff, Chief C. of S., will proceed on public business to Portland (S. O. 32, March 20, D. Columbia).

The extension of leave granted Major Michael P. Small, C. of S., is further extended twenty days (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.).

## Pay Department.

The troops will be paid to include muster of March 31, as follows: At the Leavenworth Mil. Prison, and at the Ord. Depot, Fort Leavenworth, Col. W. A. Rucker, Asst. Paym. Gen. At the Cavalry Recruiting Depot and Saint Louis Powder Depot Jefferson Barracks, Major C. I. Wilson, Paym. At Fort Leavenworth, Major Alexander Sharp, Paym. At Fort Riley and Hays, Major G. R. Smith, Paymaster (S. O. 36, March 27, Dept. Mo.).

The Paymaster General has issued a handy "Station list" which shows a total of 41 officers, 38 of whom are on duty, 2 (Hall and Thomas) on sick leave, and 1 (Bash) awaiting orders.

## Medical Department.

Lieut. Col. J. R. Smith, surgeon, Med. Director, will proceed on public business to San Diego Barracks, Cal. (S. O. 27, March 25, D. Ariz.).

1st Lieut. R. B. Ball, asst. surg., Fort Lewis, will return to Fort Riley and report for duty (S. O. 36, March 27, Dept. Mo.).

Capt. Robert W. Shufeldt, asst. surg., is relieved from further duty in the Dept. of Arizona (S. O., March 23, H. Q. A.).

The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Medical Department are ordered: Major Joseph R. Gibson, surgeon, from duty at Fort Lyon, Colorado, to Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Capt. Aaron H. Appel, assistant surgeon, from duty at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming Territory.

Capt. George H. Torney, assistant surgeon, from duty at Fort Monroe, Va., to Fort Brown, Texas.

Capt. Samuel Q. Robinson, assistant surgeon, from duty at Fort Brown, Texas, to Fort Hamilton, New York (S. O., April 3, H. Q. A.).

Hosp. Steward John R. Fowler is relieved from duty at Willet's Point, and will report to Lieut. Col. Andrew K. Smith, attending surgeon, New York City, for duty in his office (S. O., March 29, H. Q. A.).

A furlough for six months, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Hosp. Steward George Pries, Fort Elliott (S. O. 33, March 23, Dept. Mo.).

## Engineers and Ordnance Departments.

Capt. Carl F. Palfrey will proceed to Forts Porter and Niagara, N. Y., on official business, and upon the completion of the same will return to his proper station at Oswego, New York (S. O., April 3, H. Q. A.).

1st Lieut. George A. Zinn, C. E., will proceed from Willet's Point to New York City on public business (S. O., March 30, H. Q. A.).

1st Lieut. Wm. E. Craigbill, C. E., is relieved from duty under the immediate orders of Col. Orlando M. Poe, and from temporary duty under the immediate orders of Col. Wm. P. Craigbill, and will proceed to St. Paul and report to Major Charles J. Allen, C. E., for duty. 2d Lieut. Chas. S. Riche, C. E., is relieved from duty with the Battalion of Engineers and the Engineer School of Application at Willet's Point and will take station at Detroit, reporting to Col. Orlando M. Poe, C. E., for duty (S. O., March 29, H. Q. A.).

Major Isaac Arnold, Ord. Dept., will proceed to Wrightsville, N. C., on official business in connection with the erection of a battery at that place for the State of N. C., under the act of May 19, 1882 (S. O., April 3, H. Q. A.).

## Signal Corps.

Brig. Gen. Adolphus W. Greely, Chief Signal Officer, will proceed to New York City and Boston on public business (S. O., March 30, H. Q. A.).

2d Lieut. Fielder M. M. Beall, Sig. Corps, will proceed to Philadelphia, Pa., on public business (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.).

Corporal Charles M. Strong, Columbus, O., will temporarily assume charge during the absence of Sergeant Oria Parker, who will proceed to Cincinnati and assume during the absence of Sergeant Presley T. Jenkins temporary charge of that station (S. O. 27, April 2, Sig. office.).

## THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

## 3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert G. Brackett.

Hdqs., C. E. and M. Ft. Clark, Tex.; B. G. and L. San Antonio, Tex.; D. Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; H. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; I and K. Ft. Brown, Tex.; A, Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex.; F, Camp Pecos Colorado, Tex.

Leave for four months on Surgeon's certificate is granted Capt. George A. Drew (S. O., March 30, H. Q. A.).

## 5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqs., B. C. G. and K. Ft. Reno, Ind. T.; E and H. Ft. Sill, Ind. T.; D and L. Ft. Sill, Ind. T.; A, F, and I, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; M. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of fifteen days, is granted Capt. W. S. Schuyler (S. O. 34, March 25, Dept. M.).

## 6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdqs., A. C. H. I. and K. Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and F, Ft. Lewis, Colo.; D and L. Ft. Stanton, N. M.; M. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas. B. Ft. Myer, Va.; G. Ft. Union, N. M.

An extension of thirteen days to post leave from Fort Wingate is granted Capt. W. M. Wallace (S. O. 27, March 25, D. Ariz.).

## 7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. G. I. L. and M. Ft. Riley, Kas.; E, F, H, and K. Ft. Sill, Ind. T.

Leave for two months, to take effect about June 1, is granted Lieut.-Col. Joseph G. Tilford, Fort Sill (S. O. 33, April 1, Div. M.).

## 9th Cavalry, Colonel Edward Hatch.

Hdqs., B. F. I. and K. Ft. Robinson, Neb.; A and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; D and L. Ft. McKimney, Wyo.; E, Ft. Washita, Wyo.; C and M, Ft. Du Chene, Utah (Post-office address via Ouray, Utah); H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Henry H. Wright, Fort Robinson (S. O. 28, March 27, D. Platte.).

1st Lieut. Montgomery D. Parker will report in person to Brig.-Gen. John R. Brooke, president of the Army Retiring Board at Omaha, Neb., for examination by the Board (S. O., April 3, H. Q. A.).

## 1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. G. H. I. K. and M. Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.; L, Ft. Mason, Cal.

The journey made, March 12, by Capt. Junius W. MacMurray to Benicia Arsenal is approved (S. O. 18, March 21, D. Cal.).

The C. O. Presidio of San Francisco will send 1st Sergt. Patrick Hannan, Bat. G., to San Diego Barracks, for treatment in the hospital (S. O. 23, March 22, Div. P.).

2d Lieut. Elmer W. Hubbard, on leave, will report to the Governor of Connecticut for temporary duty with the National Guard of that State in connection with the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of President Washington (S. O., March 30, H. Q. A.).

Col. Langdon, who has lately joined at the Presidio of San Francisco, on March 25 issued the following regimental order: "The colonel commanding the 1st Artillery takes this occasion to compliment the regiment on its military bearing and efficiency. After a separation of ten years from the regiment he returns to find it in far better condition than it has been at any other time since the late war. The tact, knowledge and devotion to duty of the officers, and the intelligence and loyalty of the enlisted men have contributed to make the 1st Artillery what it is to-day. But the remarkable degree of efficiency it has attained, has been largely due to the conscientious discharge of his duties by the Lieutenant-Colonel, Bvt. Brig.-Gen. William M. Graham, who has commanded the regiment during the last 18 months. The colonel commanding believes the same spirit that has influenced the officers and men in the past will inspire them in the future to make ours the best regiment in the Service."

## 2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdqs., G. and I. St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; A, Little Hook Bks., Ark.; C and D, Mount Vernon Bks., Ala.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.; E, Jackson Bks., La.

Leave for fourteen days is granted Capt. John H. Calef, Fort Wadsworth (S. O. 74, April 1, Div. A.).

The leave for seven days granted Capt. William McK. Dunn, Jackson Barracks, is extended ten days (S. O. 75, April 2, Div. A.).

1st Lieut. Alexander D. Schenck, Fort Wadsworth, will proceed to Jackson Barracks, La., on public business connected with the preparation of charges against Commissary Sergt. Horace Butts (S. O. 76, April 3, Div. A.).

## 3rd Artillery, Colonel Horatio G. Gibson.

Hdqs., A. C. E. H. K. and L. Washington Bks., D. C.; B. Newport Bks., Ky.; D. G. and I, Ft. McHenry, Md.; M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. San Antonio, Tex.

The journey made by 1st Lieut. Charles Sellmer from Harrisburg to Washington, March 27, is approved by the Secretary of War (S. O., March 28, H. Q. A.).

Upon the arrival of Co. I, 6th Inf., at Newport Barracks, Major Edmund C. Bainbridge will take station at Washington Barracks, D. C. (S. O. 73, March 30, Div. A.).

Upon the arrival of Co. I, 6th Inf. (Wherry's), at Newport Barracks (about April 26), Bat. B will proceed to Fort Monroe, Va., and take station (S. O. 75, April 2, Div. A.).

## 4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs., B. F. G. and I, Ft. Adams, R. I.; A and C, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; J and K, Ft. Warren, Mass.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; M, Ft. Preble, Me.

1st Lieut. Samuel R. Jones, R. Q. M., will report for conference with the Chief Quartermaster and the Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Div. Atlantic, upon matters connected with the approaching movement of the regiment to Atlanta, Ga. Lieut. Jones will then return to Fort Adams (S. O. 73, March 30, Div. A.).

Leave for ten days on Surgeon's certificate is granted Major Henry C. Hasbrouck (S. O., April 2, H. Q. A.).

Ord. Sergt. Adolph Koch having rejoined at Fort Knox from furlough, Sergt. Frederick M. Bock, Bat. D, will proceed to Fort Adams and report for duty with his battery (S. O. 76, April 3, Div. A.).

## 5th Artillery, Colonel Alex. Piper.

Hdqs., E. F. I. and H, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; A, C. and L, Ft. Columbus, N. Y.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.; B, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.; D, Ft. Douglas, Utah; K and M, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

Bats. A, C, and I, at Fort Columbus, and the band at Fort Hamilton, with Major Tully McCrea, commanding, are detailed as an escort to the President of the United States on April 20 next (S. O. 74, April 1, Div. A.).

The C. O. Fort Hamilton will cause the band to report at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., on April 28 (S. O. 75, April 2, Div. A.).

Capt. John E. Brinklé will inspect Q. M. stores at Fort Hamilton, for which 1st Lieut. Anthony W. Vogdes, A. A. Q. M., is responsible (S. O. 77, April 4, Div. A.).

## 1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdqs., A. D. I. and K, Angel Island, Cal.; F and G, Benicia Bks., Cal.; C and E, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; B, Ft. Gaston, Cal.; H, Ft. McDermitt, Nev.

1st Lieut. Lewis H. Strother, recently appointed Regimental Adjutant, is relieved from temporary duty at Fort Gaston, and will proceed to Angel Island, Cal., and report for duty. This order will take effect on the return to Fort Gaston of 2d Lieut. Hampton M. Roach from leave (S. O. 18, March 21, D. Cal.).

Leave for fourteen days, to take effect on the completion of the duty assigned him in orders from David's Island, is granted 1st Lieut. Marion P. Maus (S. O., March 28, H. Q. A.).

## 2nd Infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. and K, Ft. Omaha, Neb.

Capt. Aaron S. Daggett is detailed to inspect cows, stallions, and oxen to be delivered at the Santee Agency, Neb., and mares to be delivered at the Flandreau Sub-agency, Dak. (S. O. 29, March 29, D. Platte.).

1st Lieut. John S. Mallory, Fort Omaha, will proceed to the Omaha and Winnebago Indian Agency, Neb., on public business (S. O. 29, March 29, D. Platte.).

The C. O. Fort Omaha will relieve Corp. Albert Wedemeyer, Co. H, from all other duty on March 30, that he may be examined for promotion by a Board of Officers (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

## 3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqs., A. D. E. H. and K, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; F, Sisseton, D. T.; B, C, F, and I, Ft. Meade, D. T.

Capt. Charles Hobart is relieved from duty on recruiting service at Columbus Barracks and will join his company (S. O. 63, March 23, Rec. Ser.).

## 4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdqs., C. D. E. and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; A, B, F, I, and K, Ft. Spokane, Wash. T.; G, Boise Barracks, Idaho.

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqs., B. and E, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; I and K, Ft. Davis, Tex.; C and F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and G, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; D, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Ft. Hancock, Tex.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Samuel W. Miller (S. O. 18, March 23, D. Tex.).

## 6th Infantry, Colonel Alex. McD. McCook.

Hdqs., H. and I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A. B. C. D. E. and G, Ft. Lewis, Colo.; F and K, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

Capt. John Carland, Fort Leavenworth, will proceed to Fort Lewis, Colo., and report for duty with his company—A (S. O. 35, March 26, Dept. M.).

Pvt. Henry King has been appointed corporal in Co. A, and Corp. I. Withowski promoted sergeant in Co. E.

Corp. Edward T. Courtney has been promoted sergeant and Pvt. Richard Collins appointed corporal in Co. B.

## 7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdqs., B. C. D. E. and F, Ft. Laramie, Wyo.; A and H, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; G and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; K, Ft. McKimney, Wyo.

Capt. Henry B. Freeman, Camp Pilot Butte, will report in person at Dept. Hdqs. (S. O. 28, March 22, D. Platte.).

Leave for two months, to take effect about May 10, is granted Major Daniel W. Beuhau, Fort Laramie (S. O. 33, April 1, Div. M.).

A furlough for five months, with permission to go beyond the U. S., is granted 1st Sergt. Robert M. Smith, Co. B (S. O. 33, April 1, Div. M.).

The C. O. Camp Pilot Butte will send Sergt. S. mea



H. Drum, Co. H, recommended for promotion, to Fort Omaha, for examination by a Board of Officers (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.)

#### 8th Infantry, Colonel August V. Kautz.

Hdqs., A, B, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, D, I, and K, Ft. Robinson, Neb.

Sergt. W. H. Boog, Co. G, will report before the Board at Fort Niobrara for examination for appointment as commissary sergeant (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.)

#### 10th Infantry, Colonel Henry Douglass.

Hdqs., F, D, and I, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; C and H, Ft. Union, N. M.; G and K, Ft. Lyon, Colo.; A and E, Ft. Crawford, Colo.; B, Ft. Stanton, N. M.

Leave for one month is granted Col. Henry Douglass, to take effect April 3 (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Ariz.). An extension of seven days to post leave from Fort Marcy is granted 1st Lieut. S. V. Seyburn, Adj. (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Ariz.).

Cos. A (Lacey's) and E (Lincoln's), Fort Lyon, will take station at Fort Crawford. Upon their arrival at Fort Crawford, Cos. G (Stiles's) and K (Burbank's) will take station at Fort Lyon (S. O. 26, March 22, Dept. M.).

#### 11th Infantry, Colonel Richard I. Dodge.

Hdqs., A, D, G, H, and I, Madison Bks., N. Y.; E and K, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B, Fort Wood, N. Y.; C, Ft. Ontario, N. Y.; F, Plattsburgh Bks., N. Y.

The leave for seven days granted 1st Lieut. Francis W. Mansfield, Madison Barracks, and extended fifteen days, is further extended seven days (S. O. 76, April 3, Div. A.).

#### 12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdqs., E, G, H, and I, Ft. Yates, D. T.; A, B, C, and D, Ft. Sully, D. T.; K, Ft. Bennett, D. T.; F, Ft. Lincoln, D. T.

The extension of leave on Surgeon's certificate granted Capt. John M. Norvell is further extended two months on Surgeon's certificate (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.).

#### 13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.

Hdqs., B, and H, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I and G, Ft. Elliott, Tex.; C and E, Ft. Reno, Ind. T.; F, Ft. Lyon, Colo.; A, Ft. Sill, Ind. T.; K, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D, Little Rock Bks., Ark.

Leave for four months, to take effect about April 20, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Major Henry C. Cook (S. O., April 2, H. Q. A.).

#### 14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdqs., B, C, D, F, G, and H, Vancouver Bks., Wash. T.; A, Ft. Townsend, Wash. T.; E and K, Ft. Klamath, Ore.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Capt. Charles H. Warrens, Vancouver Barracks, will proceed to Fort Townsend and report for Gar. C.-M. duty (S. O. 33, March 21, D. Columbia.)

#### 15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdqs., E, F, G, and K, Ft. Buford, D. T.; A, C, D, and H, Ft. Randall, D. T.; B and I, Ft. Pembina, D. T.

Capt. Casper H. Conrad will inspect one mile at Fort Randall, for which 2d Lieut. William F. Blauvelt, Post Q. M., is accountable (S. O. 29, March 22, D. Dak.).

#### 16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdqs., B, D, E, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah; A, C, F, and K, Ft. Du Chenois, Utah.

The leave for seven days granted Capt. Clayton Hale, Fort Douglas, is extended twenty-three days, with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 28, March 27, D. Platte.).

#### 17th Infantry, Colonel Henry R. Misner.

Hdqs., A, B, C, E, F, G, I, and K, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.; D and H, Ft. Bridger, Wyo.

The C. O. Fort D. A. Russell will send Sergt. Frederick S. Wild, Co. B, recommended for promotion, to Fort Omaha, for examination by a Board of Officers (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

#### 20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.

Hdqs., B, C, D, E, F, H, and K, Ft. Assiniboine, M. T.; A, Ft. Maximilian, M. T.; G and I, Camp Poplar River, M. T.

A furlough for one month and ten days is granted 1st Sergt. Benjamin Otten, Co. B, Fort Assiniboine (S. O. 28, March 22, D. Dak.).

#### 22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, F, H, and K, Ft. Keogh, M. T.; E and G, Ft. Totten, D. T.; I, Ft. A. Lincoln, D. T.

23rd Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Black.

Hdqs., F, G, H, and I, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; A and B, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C and D, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; E and K, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

(For Late Army Orders see page 644.)

Appointments, etc., of Commissioned Officers and Retired Enlisted Men, U. S. A., recorded in the A.-G. O. during the week ending March 30, 1889.

#### PROMOTIONS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Adelbert R. Buffington, Ordnance Department, to be Colonel, February 28, 1889, vice Crispin, deceased.

Major Joseph P. Farley, Ordnance Department, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, February 28, 1889, vice Buffington, promoted.

Captain Otho E. Michaelis, Ordnance Department, to be Major, February 28, 1889, vice Farley, promoted. Captain Julius H. Patzki, Assistant Surgeon, to be Surgeon with the rank of Major, February 28, 1889, vice Webster, retired from active service.

1st Lieutenant Gilbert P. Cotton, 1st Artillery, to be Captain, March 2, 1889, vice Sanger, appointed Inspector-General with the rank of Major.

2d Lieutenant Charles H. Hunter, 1st Artillery, to be 1st Lieutenant, March 2, 1889, vice Cotton, promoted.

#### CASUALTIES.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard H. Alexander, Surgeon, died March 29, 1889, at Los Angeles, California. Captain Richards Barnett, Assistant Surgeon, died March 27, 1889, at Fort Riley, Kansas.

1st Lieutenant William B. McCallum, Regimental Adjutant 5th Artillery, died March 26, 1889, at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor, New York. 2d Lieutenant David W. Fulton, 24th Infantry, died March 28, 1889, at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

#### Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Omaha, Neb., March 27. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Joshua S. Fletcher, Major Edmund Butler, Capt. Aaron S. Daggett, Charles A. Dempsey, Abner Haines, Jr., and James U. O., 1st Lieuts. Sidney E. Clark, Horace B. Saxon, William

J. Turner, and William B. Abercrombie, 2d Lieuts. Virgil J. Brumback, James M. Arrasmith, and Charles D. Towley, 2d Inf., and 1st Lieut. John K. Waring, 2d Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

At Fort Sidney, Neb., March 26. Detail: Capt. Ebenezer W. Stone, Frederick H. E. Heston, and Joseph W. Dunham, 21st Inf.; Capt. Charles S. Black, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieuts. Willis Withall, Adj. Charles A. Williams, Charles H. Bonesteel, Harry L. Bailey, R. Q. M., and John S. Parke, Jr., 2d Lieuts. Almon L. Parmerter, James W. McAndrew, and Munroe McFarland, 21st Inf., and 1st Lieut. Solomon E. Sparrow, 21st Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

At Fort McKimney, Wyo., April 2. Detail: Capt. James M. J. Sanno, 7th Inf.; Capt. Eugene D. Dimmick, 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. George S. Young, 7th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Philip P. Powell, 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. William N. Suter, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. Lawrence J. Hearn, 21st Inf.; 1st Lieut. Charles J. Stevens, and 2d Lieut. William J. D. Horne, 9th Cav., and 2d Lieut. James W. Benton, 9th Cav., J.-A. (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

At Fort Robinson, Neb., April 3. Detail: Capt. William S. Worth and Clarence M. Bailey, 8th Inf.; Capt. Charles Parker, 9th Cav.; Capt. Augustus W. Corlies, 8th Inf.; Capt. Martin B. Hughes, Clarence A. Stedman, and F. Beers Taylor, 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Colville P. Terrett, 8th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Eugene F. Ladd, 9th Cav.; 2d Lieut. George W. Rubens, 8th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Philip A. Bettens, Jr., 9th Cav.; 2d Lieut. Frank Owen, 8th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Guy H. Preston, 9th Cav., and 1st Lieut. Edgar Hubert, 8th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

At Fort Pembina, Dak., April 2. Detail: Major Hugh A. Theaker, Capt. Chambers McKibbin and Edward S. Chapin, 15th Inf.; 1st Lieut. John J. Crittenden, 22d Inf., and 2d Lieut. Leon S. Roudiez, 15th Inf., and 2d Lieut. Andrew S. Rowan, 15th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 31, March 23, D. Dak.).

At Columbus Barracks, O., April 4. Detail: Major William L. Kellogg, 10th Inf.; Capt. Harry C. Egbert, 12th Inf.; Capt. John L. Kiernon, 3d Art.; Capt. Sumner H. Lincoln, 10th Inf.; Capt. Leon A. Matile, 11th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Benjamin C. Lockwood, 22d Inf.; 1st Lieut. Charles L. Hodges, 25th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Robert A. Lovell, 14th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Benjamin S. Weaver, 1st Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles W. Foster, 3d Art., J.-A. (S. O., March 30, H. Q. A.).

At Fort Warren, Mass., April 2. Detail: Capt. George Campbell and George G. Greenough, 4th Art.; Capt. George McCreery, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. William F. Stewart, 2d Lieut. George F. Landers and Charles D. Palmer, 4th Art., and 1st Lieut. Clarence P. Townsley, 4th Art., J.-A. (S. O. 78, March 30, Div. A.).

At Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., April 4. Detail: Major John H. Bartholf, Surg.; Capt. Ogden B. Read and Ira Quinby, 1st Lieuts. Ralph W. Hoyt, Pierce M. B. Travis, and Richard M. Blatford, and 2d Lieut. Arthur Johnson, 11th Inf., and 2d Lieut. Charles W. Penrose, 11th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 74, April 1, Div. A.).

At Fort Barrancas, Fla., April 9. Detail: Major William Sinclair and Capt. George Mitchell, 2d Art.; Capt. William C. Gorgas, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieuts. E. T. C. Richmond and George F. Barney, 3d Art., and 2d Lieut. Harry L. Hawthorne, 3d Art., J.-A. (S. O. 78, April 5, Div. A.).

The proceedings of the G. C. M. at Fort Sidney, of which Capt. Ebenezer W. Stone, 21st Inf., was president, in the case of Pvt. William T. Hill, Co. E, 21st Inf., having been found fatally defective, all proceedings under G. C. M. O. 14, D. Platte, 1889, are annulled.

#### Army Boards.

A Board of Officers will assemble in Omaha, April 4, to examine non-commissioned officers recommended for promotion. Detail: Major Edmund Butler, 2d Inf.; Major Daniel W. Benham, 7th Inf.; Capt. William H. Clapp, 18th Inf.; Capt. Cyrus S. Roberts, 17th Inf., and Capt. Frederick H. E. Stoein, 21st Inf. 1st Lieut. James B. Jackson, 7th Inf., is detailed Recorder for the Board (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

A Board of Officers will meet at Fort Niobrara, Neb., to examine into the qualifications of enlisted men for appointment as commissary sergeants. Detail: Capt. Folliot A. Whitney, 8th Inf.; Capt. Joseph Garrard, 9th Cav., and 1st Lieut. Edward Lynch, 8th Inf., A. C. S. (S. O. 26, March 22, D. Platte.).

Boards of Officers, constituted as named, will meet to report upon the qualifications of enlisted men for appointment as commissary sergeants: Fort Leavenworth—Major Jacob Kline, 24th Inf.; Capt. Arthur MacArthur, Jr., 15th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Frank Taylor, 14th Inf., A. C. S. Fort Reno—Major Gerald Russell, 5th Cav.; Capt. B. H. Rogers, 13th Inf., and 1st Lieut. F. W. Foster, 5th Cav., A. C. S. Fort Riley—Major S. M. Whitfield and Capt. Myles Moysan, 7th Cav., and 1st Lieut. L. B. Hare, 7th Cav., A. C. S. (S. O. 35, March 26, Dept. M.).

A Board on Promotion, to consist of Capt. James Allen, 3d Cav., A. S. O., and 2d Lieuts. Fielder M. Beal and John P. Finley, Signal Corps, will assemble and recommend for promotion, as vacancies occur, twenty men to the grade of corporal, and twenty to the grade of sergeant (S. O. 26, March 22, Sig. Office.).

A Board of Medical Officers, to consist of Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Alden, Surg.; Major Henry McDermott, Surg., and Capt. Washington Matthews and James C. Merrill, Asst. Surgs., will meet in New York City, May 1, for the examination of assistant surgeons for promotion and of candidates for admission into the Medical Corps of the Army (S. O., March 30, H. Q. A.).

A Board of Officers, to consist of Major Tully McCrea, Capt. William B. Beck, and 1st Lieut. Oliver H. Wood, 5th Art., will meet at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., April 2, to report upon the qualifications of Sergt. William Welsh, Bat. L, 5th Art., for appointment as ordnance sergeant (S. O. 73, March 30, Div. A.).

A Board of Officers, to consist of Col. Henry W. Clowson, Capt. Frank G. Smith, and 1st Lieut. Samuel R. Jones, R. Q. M., 4th Art., will meet at Fort Adams, R. I., April 2, to report upon the qualifications of 1st Sergt. Peter Cooke, Bat. L, 4th Art., for appointment as ordnance sergeant (S. O. 73, March 30, Div. A.).

A Board of Officers, to consist of Col. Horatio G. Gibson, Capt. Frank W. Hess, and 1st Lieut. John B. Eaton, 3d Art., will meet at Washington Barracks, D. C., April 2, to report upon the qualifications of 1st Sergt. William Graham, Bat. K, 3d Art., for appointment as ordnance sergeant (S. O. 73, March 30, Div. A.).

A Board of Officers, to consist of Capt. Orden B. Read and Ira Quinby and 2d Lieut. Arthur Johnson, 11th Inf., will meet at Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., to report upon the qualifications of Sergt. Thomas Cahill, Co. F, 11th Inf., for appointment as ordnance sergeant (S. O. 74, April 1, Div. A.).

#### Retirements of Enlisted Men.

Sergt. Michael O'Connell, Ord. Detachment, April 1, 1889.

#### DEPARTMENT NEWS.

##### Division of the Pacific—Brig.-Gen. N. A. Miles.

A Division Roster of Troops, corrected to a late date, and containing much useful information, was received this week.

##### Dept. of the Platte—Brig. Gen. John R. Brooke.

The Secretary of War having disapproved the purchase of the site at Bellevue for the new post near Omaha, recommended by General Schofield, Crook, and Brooke, the Omaha World says: "An additional appropriation must be made if the bids are referred back for a new report, or a selection made by the present Secretary of War, who is not bound by the acts of his predecessor. In the meantime an effort is being made to retain the fort at its present site and buy land to enlarge it."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### WEST POINT, N. Y.

APRIL 3, 1889.

The past week has not been very eventful, and there is little of interest to record.

On Saturday evening a concert was given instead of a hop. It was very well attended. Among the selections were: Sullivan's "Yeoman of the Guard," and "Hunting Scene," Buccoloni. The latter was a descriptive piece, of which a number have been given during the past winter, and was received with great applause.

During the week news has been received of the death of Mr. Robert P. Paulding, of Cold Spring, who was connected with the West Point Iron Foundry at that place; of the brother of Dr. Charles Alexander, Dr. Richard H. Alexander, and also of the wife of Capt. William Black, Engineers. Mrs. Black was a sister of Captain Derby, Engineers, now stationed at West Point. The interment will be at the post cemetery on Saturday of the present week.

Mrs. Hasbrouck paid a flying visit to the Point on Thursday of last week, on her way to her home in Buffalo. Col. Hasbrouck is a member of the Tactical Board, and goes to Leavenworth. Much disappointment was felt by friends of the members of the Board that it did not meet at West Point, as had been expected.

A very handsome monument has been placed over the grave of Mr. E. V. Kinsley at the cemetery here. The design is gothic and the effect somewhat similar to that of the stone which marks the grave of Prof. French. It is about three feet in height and about six in length, the material being granite, unpolished. The cross is much lighter in form than that on the grave of Prof. French. The only inscription is, "Edward V. Kinsley, died Easter Sunday, April 1st, 1888." The whole effect is strikingly simple and beautiful.

Mrs. Kinsley is making a few days' stay at the Point. Among other visitors are: Miss de Long, at Mrs. Ellis' and Miss Cole, a guest of Mrs. Kneeder.

A paper was read by Lieut. Wisner in the library last evening.

Artillery drill took place on the plain yesterday afternoon for the first time, as the weather on Monday was too stormy to admit of out-of-door drilling.

It is said that the order for the discontinuance of dress parade on Sunday is expected daily.

Henry Douglas Craig, Mauch Chunk, Pa., and Frank F. Agie, Princeton, Ind., have been designated for examination for admission to West Point in June next.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT CUSTER, M. T.

On Wednesday evening, March 20, the garrison, or at least that portion of it which could be accommodated in the Post Chapel, was very agreeably entertained by a theatrical performance given by the officers and ladies of the post, under the able management of 1st Lieut. F. A. Edwards, 1st Cav. The piece selected was "Woodcock's Little Game," and it was beautifully reproduced by the Fort Custer Amateur Theatrical Association. The acting of the ladies was delightful and their appearance charming. Mrs. Painwright as "Mrs. Carver" both looked and acted her part excellently. Mrs. Hyman made a charming bride, her recent personal experience being undoubtedly of assistance. Mrs. Mills as "Mrs. Larkins" was cordially received, and fully merited the hearty applause accorded her. Mrs. Dr. Hall as "Susan" screamed well, and in her endeavors to escape the embraces of "Woodcock" exhibited both grace and speed. The bridesmaids, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Leonhauser, were charming in appearance, and we hope that future performances will afford them more of an opportunity for displaying their talent. Lieut. Aldrich as "Woodcock" showed himself a finished actor, and was especially good in the scene with the parakeets, and after the ruse of turning ahead the clock was discovered. Lieut. Mills as "Larkins" and Lieut. Leonhauser as "Swansdown" were excellent. Lieut. Holbrook as "David" was well gotten up and performed his part in a very creditable manner. The whole piece was admirably conducted and played. Too much credit cannot be given Lieut. Edwards for his successful management. The orchestra of the 1st Cavalry Band furnished excellent music. We are now, under our new commander, Lieut.-Col. Arnold, 1st Cav., busily engaged in our spring drills, and look forward to an active summer. We are pleased to note the return to his troop, after a tour of duty at Fort Assiniboine, M. T., of 1st Lieut. O. J. Brown, 1st Cav.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT SUPPLY, I. T.

SINCE the arrival of Col. Bryant and family, every member of the garrison seems to have been rejuvenated, or at least to have had their latent social virtues brought to the surface. Mrs. Bryant possesses the valuable secret of causing others to become absorbed in work which provides mutual pleasure to all concerned.

Perhaps the most enjoyable entertainment had lately was a masque ball given by Col. and Mrs. Bryant. Mrs. Bryant represented ice, white silk sprinkled with diamond dust; white wine—the most snowy and generally frigid make-up to be found this side of Iceland. To have the appearance of being cold-hearted was the most complete disguise Mrs. Bryant could have assumed. Mrs. Powell, Pitt-Sing (Mikado), a lovely Japanese lady. Mrs. Cavanaugh, Little Boop, light pink and blue; large hat; lovely golden hair. Mrs. Goe, Sister of Charity. Mrs. Andrus, peasant girl, all the way from Normandy. Mrs. Vestal, Greek girl, white India mull, an exquisite costume, perfectly adapted to her. She would have made a beautiful Galatea. Mrs. Pierce, white muslin, pink satin bodice and a dainty little cap, which was very "chic." Mrs. Birdwell, Queen of Hearts, black silk and lace, crown of hearts and drows covered with hearts. Miss Lacy (daughter of Capt. Lacy, 10th Inf., and guest of Dr. and Mrs. Powell), Lady of Court of Louis XIV.; Miss Lucy Bryant, flower girl; Miss Gilman, Quakeress; Dr. Powell, court jester; Capt. Cavanaugh, Little Boy Blue; Lieut. Gilman, Chinaman; Lieut. Cecil, domino; Lieutenant Andrus, domino; Lieutenant Goe, Turk; Lieutenant Cornish, gentleman of the Spanish Court; Lieut. Vestal, schoolboy; Lieut. O'Brien, Indian chief. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present not in costume. The whole affair was most brilliant and enjoyable. The delightful champagne supper provided by the hostess was in keeping with everything else, except that there was no make believe in it.

An operetta, now almost prepared, will be given here one week from to-night. J. BOWE.

The Kansas City Times has these items:

It is strange that the War and Post Office Departments cannot agree upon a name for this post. The War Department announces its official designation as "Fort Supply," but the Post Office Department prefers the name "Camp Supply," and allows no other name upon its official lists.

A grand ball, given by Troop A, 5th Cavalry, was largely attended. Operas and operettas are in rehearsal, and a series of entertainments, illustrated by magic lanterns or cinematograph, has also been projected. Chaplain Pierce has purchased a very fine instrument, with which the latter entertainments are to be given.

Col. Bryant and Capt. J. A. Angur have been confined to their quarters by slight ailments.

Lieut. B. H. Gilman will avail himself of a four months leave about May 1, well earned by hard work. We are glad that Col. Bryant has retained the services of the late Col. La Motte's staff. Lieut. Gilman is a most efficient quartermaster, courteous and just to all, and every officer at the post would deem it unfortunate if he should be replaced by another.

Lieut. M. B. Saffold, 13th Inf., is off on a month's leave, but his friends deplore the bereavement which has made his



leave necessary and unite in sincere expressions of sympathy.

#### SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

COS. C. AND F. 19th Inf., under the command of 1st Lieut. C. A. Churchhill, arrived March 27. The party left Fort McIntosh on March 18, and have marched about the same distance each day. The troops are quartered in the old barracks back of Co. G's new quarters.

Troops G and F, 3d Cav., have gone into camp at the target range for small arms practice. Cos. C and F, 5th Inf., from Fort McIntosh, have also gone. The camp is under the command of Capt. Bradford, 19th Inf.

#### OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

LIEUTENANT MALLORY, of Fort Omaha, has gone with a detachment of troops to the Omaha and Winnebago reservation to assist Agent Warner in driving out cattlemen and other trespassers.

Lieut. G. S. Bingham, of Fort Niobrara, accompanied by his bride, was at the Fort on March 30. They have been enjoying a delightful trip in the East.

Colonel Hall, Inspector General, ordered to Los Angeles, has received notice to await further orders.

#### FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAS.

##### THE KANSAS CITY TIMES SAYS:

Lieut. Byrre has purchased from Veterinary Surgeon LeMay the noted Zick Marsh horse "Flash," formerly owned by E. Marsh, of Valley Falls, Kas. This horse was sired by Ben Patchen.

A handsome tablet to the memory of the late Capt. Daniel H. Murdock has been placed in the Fort Leavenworth chapel by the officers of the 10th Infantry. Capt. Murdock, whose entire service in the Regular Army was passed in the 8th Infantry, was drowned June 6, 1886, while crossing his command over Grand River, Utah. The tablet fittingly commemorates an officer who is remembered by his former comrades as a good soldier and a true gentleman.

Another match game of base ball will be played in the West end March 30, at 12:30 sharp, between Co. I, 6th Inf., and Co. M, 8th Cav. It will be the last game Co. I will have a chance to play here, as it soon goes to Newport Barracks.

An insurance loss of \$300 has been paid to Lieuts. Hill and Kozera, 20th Inf. Other officers at Assiniboine incurred losses from the fire, but they were not insured in the Army Co-operative Fire Association.

Lieutenant Cooke, 15th Inf., was expected home March 8.

#### EARLY COMPLETION OF THE CHARLESTON.

The instructions which were given some days ago, to hurry forward the preparation of the Charleston at San Francisco, have been reiterated, and every effort will be made to get her guns and gun-carriages transported overland at the earliest possible moment. The guns are ready at the Proving Ground, Annapolis, and the carriages are about completed at the Washington Yard. Mr. Irving M. Scott, the general manager of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, Cal., who are building the Charleston, had an interview with President Harrison on Monday. President Harrison was very much interested in the new cruiser, and asked Mr. Scott a number of questions and seemed particularly anxious that the cruiser be finished as soon as possible. He was particularly pleased when Mr. Scott told him that the Charleston had been successfully docked on Saturday. The bottom of the ship will be scraped and painted and this, with the inspection of the hull, will take a week. The dock trial will then take place. All of the machinery of the vessel has been tested by steam and found in good order. The official trial of the ship will take place in Santa Barbara Channel, about 300 miles south of San Francisco. By the time the ship arrives there a progressive trial will have been made of all her machinery and she will be ready for her trial for horse-power. Under the contract she is to show an indicated horse-power of 7,000, with the usual awards for increased or penalties for diminished horse-power. Mr. Scott assured the President that the builders had every reason to believe that the Charleston would exceed the most sanguine expectations, and for speed, endurance and general service the Charleston will go ahead of any ship in the Navy.

Mr. Scott, representing his company, said that as soon as the battery of the Charleston arrived (which has been changed, as previously mentioned in the JOURNAL), the ship would be ready to go to sea and perform active service.

#### REVENUE MARINE.

THE Alumni Association of the Revenue Marine Service has published in pamphlet form a contribution called, "Model Type of Revenue Cutter," by Capt. Frank Barr, U. S. Revenue Marine. Taking into account the nature of her employment and the special duties she and her officers have to perform, Capt. Barr considers the characteristics of the ideal revenue cutter under the several heads of motive power, dimensions, construction and materials, concluding that she should be a wooden steam vessel, with auxiliary sails, fore and aft rig, having twin screws, compound engines and Ward boilers; 150 feet on the load line, 24 feet beam, draught ten feet six inches, and with lines as fine as seaworthiness will permit. She should have two decks, with a strong rail of galvanized iron around the spar deck, and an adjustable bridge to let down from the pilot house and rest upon the rail, so as to elevate the watch above any water which might come on the deck. To protect the vessel from injury by contact with docks, wharfs or vessels, her topsides should gently fall in, her stern should be rounded, all davits, chain plates, etc., should be inside, and no bowsprit project. An outline drawing of the vessel proposed accompanies the paper.

2d Lieutenant A. Y. Lowe, from steamer *Seward*, and assigned to *Hamilton*, at Philadelphia.

2d Lieutenant F. G. F. Wadsworth, from the steamer *Hamilton*, and placed on waiting orders.

2d Asst. Engineer John B. Coyle, from *Woodbury*, and granted two weeks leave.

The cutter *Grant*, Captain L. U. Stoddard commanding, has left New York on a cruise southward. She is an able vessel and a fine sea craft, and now that her engines are in good condition she is expected to do some active cruising.

*Artistic Japan* is a monthly journal of arts and industries, published by S. Bug. It is a handsomely printed quarto, accompanied by numerous artistic illustrations. The publication is especially addressed to those interested in the future of art, either as manufacturers or artisans.

Starting from London, Mr. Chas. R. Corning began the journey which led him from "Aalesund to Tetuan," as he calls his volume of travels, lately published by Cripples and Hurd of Boston. These names may offer but slight geographical information to the reader until he follows Mr. Corning's sprightly account of his wanderings, which included a journey from Norway to Morocco. It is an attractive volume, price \$2, and has the valuable addition of an index, too often omitted in such works.

## THE NAVY.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy.

### NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

#### WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

#### N. Atl. Station.—R.-Adml. Bancroft Gherard.

GALENA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. George W. Sumner. Temporary flagship N. A. S. Arrived at Cape Haytian, Hayti, March 26.

OSISPEE, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. A. G. Kellogg. Reported as having sailed from Cape Haytien March 26, for Gonaives and St. Marc. All well.

PENSACOLA, 3d rate, 16 guns, Captain Arthur R. Yates. At Norfolk undergoing repairs.

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Charles H. Rockwell. At New York Navy-yard. Will soon leave to join North Atlantic Squadron at Key West.

#### S. Atlantic Station.—Act. Rear Adml. J. H. Gillis.

Mails should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander G. W. Pigman. At Montevideo, Jan. 31. Ordered home. To arrive at Hampton Roads about July 18.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns, (f. s. a. s.), Capt. Allen V. Reed. Arrived at Montevideo March 19. Ordered by cable April 1 to join fleet in Samoa.

TALLAPOOSA, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. F. W. Dickens. At Montevideo Jan. 29.

#### European Station.—A. R.-Adml. Jas. A. Greer.

Mails should be addressed to care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England, unless otherwise noted.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. B. H. McCalla. Left Nice March 7 by way of Red Sea for Zanzibar and Madagascar.

LANCASTER, 3d rate, 10 guns, f. s. e. s., Capt. T. F. Kane. At Nice, France, March 22.

QUINNEBAUG, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. Chas. H. Davis. At Alexandria, Egypt. Has been ordered to return to the United States.

#### Pacific Station.—Rear Adml. L. A. Kimberly.

Address all mail (unless otherwise noted) for the present to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. J. G. Green. At Honolulu, S. I., March 30. Ordered to Samoa April 1.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, 1 gun, Comdr. George F. F. Wilde. Arrived at Hong Kong, China, March 31.

MONONGAHELA, sails, 2 guns, Store Ship. Commander G. E. Wingate. Sailed from Mare Island, Feb. 18, with supplies to fleet in Samoan waters.

NIPISIC, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. D. W. Mullan. Wrecked at Apia March 15. Later report states that the vessel can be saved.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers, Lieut. Comdr. George M. Book. At Sitka, Alaska, Jan. 1. Has been ordered to Mare Island for repairs.

TRENTON, 3d rate, 10 guns, Capt. N. H. Farquhar. Wrecked at Samoa March 15.

VANDALLA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Destroyed by hurricane at Apia, Samoa, March 15.

#### Atlantic Station.—Rear Adml. G. E. Belknap.

Ordered to command.

Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted. Steamer sails from San Francisco April 10, 20 and 30.

BROOKLYN, 3d rate, 14 guns, Captain Byron Wilson. En route for New York, under sail. Arrived at St. Thomas, West Indies, March 31. She ought to be in New York about April 15. Address mail to care commandant Navy-yard, N. Y.

Capt. Bennett, of the British steamer *Fulshaw*, reports that on March 26 they sighted a vessel flying a flag of distress and signaling for the Englishman to come closer. They were then in latitude 23 deg. 42 min. north, longitude 63 deg. 37 min. west. The vessel in distress was about seven miles off the *Fulshaw*'s port bow, and proved to be the U. S. man of war *Brooklyn*, Capt. Byron Wilson. A boat containing Lieut. Eugene D. F. Heald, Surgeon Grove S. Beardsley, and the chief steward came alongside the *Fulshaw*, and upon boarding the officers explained that the *Brooklyn* had broken her main shaft and that other machinery was out of order. In addition to this they were very short of provisions, and asked the Englishman to assist them. The Capt. Bennett did most liberally, and after spending an hour or two on the *Fulshaw* the Americans were rowed back to the disabled man-of-war. A number of letters, official and private, were entrusted to Capt. Bennett, who mailed them upon his arrival at Pensacola, Fla., April 2. All aboard the *Brooklyn* were reported as well, and as the ships parted company the Yankee tars made the ocean ring with their cheers for the Britisher. The *Brooklyn*, after receiving the provisions, did not need further assistance. She is reported as making slow progress. During her passage she has encountered three severe gales.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. T. F. Jewell. Address all mail to care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England. Homeward bound. It is expected the vessel will arrive in New York about the middle of April. Arrived at Madeira March 27.

MARION, 3d rate, 8 guns, (f. s. a. s.) Comdr. N. M. Dyer. At Hong Kong, China, Feb. 11.

MONOCACY, 3d rate 6 guns. At Yokohama, Japan, awaiting orders of Navy Department. She will be condemned and sold on station. Lieutenant Commander W. W. Reisinger is at present in charge of the vessel.

OMAHA, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain F. V. McNair. At Chinkiang, China, Feb. 14. Was to be at Nagasaki, Japan, about Feb. 24, and from there proceed to Shanghai, China.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. Lieut. Comdr. J. E. Craig. At Tientsin, China, Jan. 29.

SWATARA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. J. McGowan, Jr. At Cape Town, Africa, March 12, as reported by cable.

### Apprentice Training Squadron.

CONSTELLATION, sails, 10 guns. Commander C. J. Train. Sailed from St. Thomas March 21 en route to Hampton Roads. Address mail to latter place. Passed in the Chesapeake Capes for Norfolk April 4.

MINNESOTA, 19 howitzers, Capt. G. C. Wiltse. Receiving ship for boys. Foot of W. 27th Street, North River. Entrance from W. 26th Street. P. O. address, Station E, New York.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 8 howitzers, Receiving Ship for boys. Comdr. F. J. Higginson. Coaster's Island, Harbor, Newport, R. I.

### On Special Service.

#### AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

ATLANTA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Capt. John A. Howell. At Colon, U. S. C., March 15. Address mail at present to U. S. Consul, Aspinwall, U. S. C.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain J. O'Kane. At New York Navy-yard.

CHICAGO, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. H. B. Robeson. At New York Navy-yard. Will be assigned to European squadron as flagship.

DESPATCH, 4th rate, Lieut. W. S. Cowles. At New York.

FORTUNE, tug, Lieutenant A. J. Iverson. Arrived at New York March 25.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Commander A. D. Brown. Left Montevideo Feb. 16 for Hampton Roads, Va., with the officers and crew of the *Tallapoosa*, and expected to arrive middle of April. Will then be assigned to North Atlantic Squadron.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 6 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 gathings), Commander H. F. Pickens. At Erie, Pa.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Commander J. B. Coghlan. At Panama March 14.

RANGER, 3d rate, 1 gun, Comdr. F. A. Cook. On the Southern coast of California on survey duty. Address mail to care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. N. Y. Public Marine School, N. Y. City, foot of East 26th Street, in winter quarters.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. Charles H. Stockton ordered to command. At Mare Island Navy yard, Cal. Will soon sail for Alaska, and sailing orders have been forwarded by mail. Will proceed as far North as Behring Straits, and then return and report arrival at Sitka.

All mail for the *Thetis* should be addressed U. S. S. *Thetis* Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

### Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Commander Yates Stirling. Receiving Ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 80 guns, Capt. A. P. Cooke. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

Will be rigged out and sent to New York to take part in Centennial celebration April 30.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Comdr. J. W. Philip. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

PHLOX, Naval Academy Tug. Mate B. G. Perry in command. Annapolis, Md.

RESCUE, Mate Samuel F. Lomax. Used as a fire tug. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Capt. Wm. Whitehead. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

SPEEDWELL, Yard Tug, Mate H. Kuhl, commanding. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. Wm. A. Kirkland. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WARASHI, 20 guns, Captain C. C. Carpenter. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The iron-clads *Ajax*, *Catskill*, *Canonicus*, *Lehigh*, *Mahopac*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. Felix McCurley, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

### Naval Vessels Fitting Out to go into Commission.

Adams—Mare Island, Cal. To be repaired for duty at at Samoa. Commander Edwin T. Woodward ordered to command.

Jamestown—At Navy yard, Norfolk. Has been reported ready for sea service, and she will be put in commission next week. Commander B. F. Lambertson will command her, and she will be attached to the Apprentice Squadron.

Junata—Newport, R. I. Will be transferred to the Training Service.

Saratoga—At Portsmouth, N. H., to undergo repairs. Will be transferred to State of Pennsylvania when repairs are finished. Comdr. James M. Forsyth ordered to command.

Tropica—At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal. Orders sent March 11 to go ahead with repairs. Expected to be ready about June 1, 1889.

Portsmouth—At Portsmouth, N. H., Navy-yard, undergoing repairs.

### VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

THE Austrian corvette *Saida* left New Orleans March 30, and may next visit New York.

ELEVEN HUNDRED additional marines are provided for in the British naval estimates, making the total force 14,000.

THIRTY-FIVE officers and men of the *Olga*, *Adler* and *Eber* were decorated for their share in the fighting during December last.

WORK on the new cruiser *San Francisco* is being pushed very rapidly and unless some accident occurs the ship will be ready in October of this year.

TWO NEW types of torpedo boats have been approved by the British Admiralty. The first class will be 130 feet long with a speed of 22½ knots, and carrying 3-pounder quick-firers. The second class will be 60 feet long, speed 16 knots, and are to carry a machine gun.

THE men of the United States flagship *Lancaster* at Nice, France, on March 22, gave a rollicking entertainment on board, commencing with a minstrel concert and a mock carnival as the second part. In the battle of flowers they threw cabbages at each other and all sorts of grim jokes were played by numbers of highly grotesque figures. Several friends were invited to see the show.



The German Government has decided to create a naval station at Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the Elbe. Two battalions of marines will garrison the outworks, which are to be erected in the outer harbor.

The Secretary of the Navy has sent a cablegram to Admiral Kimberly at Auckland, directing him to send the officers and men of the wrecked vessels, *Trenton*, *Vandalia* and *Nipsic*, to San Francisco.

REAR ADMIRAL WELLS has sailed up the Gambia as far as Bathurst with H. M. S. *Raleigh*, of 5,000 tons, and astonished the natives with target and torpedo practice, practice in manning and arming boats and a display of electric light by night on shore.

In accordance with the provision of the Naval Academy bill passed by the last Congress, increasing the Engineer Corps of the Navy by the appointment of five of the class of 1886, the following named young gentlemen will shortly be nominated for assistant engineers: Charles H. Hayes, Robert L. Wernitz, Josiah McKean, Horace W. Jones and Wm. H. Bush. They will take rank from the date of the passage of the bill, March 2.

The French Mediterranean squadron in their naval manoeuvres on March 13 captured Nice and cut off communication with Monte Carlo, the force numbering 11 ships, with torpedo boats. While the defenders were busy at Villefranche with a portion of the squadron, the admiral bore down upon the mouth of the Var, landed his men, and captured the town. On the same day the British Channel squadron, under Admiral Baird, was repulsed in an attempt to land a force at Gibraltar.

HARBOR MASTER CHARLES LAWRENCE of Philadelphia is quoted as saying: "We could man three such ships as the *Saratoga* with boys eager to learn seamanship. There is enough of the raw material to man both our naval and commercial fleets without having recourse to a single foreigner; all that is wanted is a little encouragement and proper training. Once it is seen what incalculable advantages the system has for turning out efficient sailors, schoolships will be in every port."

The contracts under which new vessels are being constructed for the Navy required them to be kept fully insured by the contractors up to the amount of the advance payments made by the Government. The contractors for the following vessels have been called on to increase the amounts for which insured, made necessary by recent payments, as indicated: Cruiser No. 1, *Newark*, \$449,280; Gunboat No. 2, *Petrel*, \$199,078; Gunboat No. 3, *Concord*, \$264,600; Gunboat No. 4, *Bennington*, \$264,600.

A TELEGRAM brought to the Navy Department on Saturday last the glad tidings that the U. S. S. *Brooklyn* had arrived at St. Thomas, W. I. She is now slowly wending her way to New York, where she is expected about April 15. The announcement in the daily papers that she had been spoken some days previously by an English vessel and was coming under sail, having broken her crank shaft, no doubt caused considerable alarm among those who were not aware that she had met with the mishap before leaving the China station.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM proposes this year to devote a great amount of attention to the improvement of the German Navy. With this object in view, he will spend a considerable part of the summer at Kiel. His majesty is to some extent a practical sailor. From his early boyhood, one of his favorite occupations was to sail a small model frigate on the lake at Potsdam. This frigate was presented in the "thirties" by King William IV. to the then King of Prussia, and was navigated up the Elbe to the Havel by British naval officers.

THE COMMISSION to select a site for a Navy-yard north of the 42d parallel of north latitude on the coast of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Alaska, have returned to Washington, having completed their duties. The site agreed upon is in Puget Sound, just opposite the town of Seattle. The ground belongs to private parties which, the Commission say, can be secured at a reasonable figure. The full report of the Commission will not be submitted to the Secretary until June. It is very voluminous and accompanied by maps of the different localities visited and examined.

SECRETARY TRACY has sent a telegraphic order to hurry up the work on the *Adams* and *Iroquois* at Mare Island, and the *Pensacola* at the Norfolk yard. The commandants have also been authorized to work the force extra hours so as to expedite the preparations of these vessels for sea. The appropriation made by Congress to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for construction was only \$150,000, and it is thought that this hurrying up of the work and the necessary repairing of the *Yantic* at New York will soon exhaust this sum, and another deficiency will be the result. The work on the ships is absolutely necessary and will have to be done. The work on the *Iroquois* was well advanced, and it is proposed not to put new decks on the *Adams* at present, but it will take nearly the entire sum appropriated to put the *Pensacola* in condition for active service.

THREE bids were received and opened by the Secretary of the Navy April 3 for the construction of the 5,000 ton armored coast defence vessel of the monitor type: Messrs. Wm. Cramp and Sons, of Pa., \$1,614,000; The Quintard Iron Works, of New York, \$1,600,000, and the San Francisco Iron Works, \$1,628,950. The Messrs. Cramp and Sons, the lowest bidders, having declined to guarantee the horse power required by the specifications, the probabilities are that the contract will be awarded to the San Francisco Iron Works, though the proposition of the former firm to modify the plans for the tubular boilers called for will be considered before any action is taken. The Department is much gratified at the figures submitted by the bidders. They are all below the amount available for the construction of the vessels and the closeness of the bids shows that the prices are fair and reasonable. A description of the vessel has hitherto been printed in the JOURNAL.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TRACY arrived at his home in Brooklyn on Thursday, on Friday was a pall bearer at Judge McCue's funeral, and on Saturday night was to attend a dinner at the Brooklyn Club. On Monday next he will pay his first official visit to the New York Navy-yard.

## NAVY GAZETTE.

## Ordered.

MARCH 30.—Commanders John W. Philip and B. J. Cromwell, Lieutenant-Commander George R. Durand, Lieutenant Uriel Sebree and Lieutenants (Junior Grade) Robert M. Doyle, David Daniels and Moses L. Wood, and Ensign James H. Glennon, to examination for promotion.

Passed Assistant Engineer Robert Crawford, to the Juniors.

APRIL 1.—Commander Edwin T. Woodward, to command the *Adams*, April 20.

Lieutenant Commander John J. Hunker, Lieutenants J. C. Burnett and Hanson R. Tyler, Ensign Wm. J. Maxwell and Passed Assistant Surgeon E. H. Marsteller, to the *Adams*, April 20.

Paymaster H. T. Skelding, to the Navy-yard, Pensacola, May 1 next.

Lieutenant John C. Colwell and Passed Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Littlefield, to the Yorktown, April 10.

APRIL 3.—P. A. Paymaster John C. Sullivan, to the *Adams*, April 20.

Ensign Roy C. Smith, to examination for promotion.

Carpenter Isaac C. Cooper, to the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, April 30.

## Detached.

MARCH 29.—Lieutenant-Commander George C. Reiter, from the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., and granted three months' leave.

Ensign Wm. L. Howard, from duty under the Bureau of Navigation and granted leave until November 15.

APRIL 1.—Lieutenant Andrew J. Iverson, from the Navy-yard, Boston, and ordered to command the tug *Fortune*.

Lieutenant-Commander Charles H. Stockton, from duty in the Bureau of Yards and Docks and ordered to command the *Thetis*.

Lieutenant Charles A. Bradbury, from the Bureau of Ordnance and ordered to the Yorktown, April 10.

Lieutenant H. G. O. Colby, from duty as assistant to the Light-House Inspector and ordered to the Yorktown, April 10.

Lieutenant George W. Denfield, from duty under the Bureau of Navigation and ordered to the Yorktown, April 10.

Lieutenant O. E. Lasher, from the command of the *Fortune* and ordered to hold himself in readiness for sea service.

Lieutenant Wm. H. Buehler, from duty under the Bureau of Navigation and ordered to the *Adams*, April 20.

Lieutenant Herbert Winslow, from the Navy-yard, Washington, and ordered to the *Adams*, April 20.

Surgeon John C. Boyd, from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and ordered to the Yorktown, April 10.

Passed Assistant Paymaster H. E. Drury, from the Navy-yard, Pensacola, May 1, and ordered to settle accounts and await orders.

APRIL 2.—Chief Engineer Absalom Kirby, from the Navy-yard, Mare Island, and ordered to the *Adams*.

Chief Engineer Cipriano Andrade and Passed Assistant Engineer W. L. Cathcart, from inspection duty connected with the Yorktown and ordered to duty on that vessel.

Assistant Engineer G. W. McElroy, from duty at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, April 19, and ordered to the *Adams*.

Assistant Engineer W. Stuart Smith, from the Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal., and ordered to the Union Iron Works for duty in connection with the new cruiser *San Francisco*.

APRIL 3.—Assistant Paymaster H. R. Sullivan, from temporary duty on the *Pensacola* and placed on waiting orders.

Carpenter Henry Williams, from the Naval Home, Philadelphia, April 30, and ordered to hold himself in readiness for sea service.

## Board of Examination.

A Naval Examination Board has been ordered to convene at the Mare Island Navy-yard on April 22, for the examination of officers of the Navy for promotion. The Board will be composed of Commodores A. E. K. Benham and John Irwin, and Captain J. C. Watson, with Lieutenant E. F. Qualtrough as Recorder. Commander John W. Philip and Lieutenant Sebree have been ordered to appear before the Board.

## Confirmations.

MARCH 30.—Charles Henry Tilghman Lowndes, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Surgeon in the Navy, to fill a vacancy.

The following Navy nominations were confirmed by the Senate April 2:

George B. White, a Captain in the Navy, to be Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the Department of the Navy.

Commander Bartlett J. Cromwell, to be a Captain, March 26, 1889, vice Schoonmaker, deceased (subject to examination.)

Lieutenant-Commander George R. Durand, to be a Commander, March 26, 1889, vice Cromwell, promoted (subject to examination.)

Lieutenant Uriel Sebree, to be Lieutenant-Commander, March 26, 1889, vice Durand, promoted (subject to examination.)

Lieutenant Moses L. Wood (Junior Grade), to be Lieutenant, March 26, 1889, vice Sebree, promoted (subject to examination.)

Ensign James H. Glennon, to be Lieutenant (Junior Grade), March 26, 1889, vice Wood, (Junior Grade), promoted (subject to examination.)

Commander John W. Philip, to be Captain, March 31, 1889, vice Wilson, retired (subject to examination.)

Lieutenant-Commander Francis M. Barber, to be Commander, March 31, 1889, vice Philip, promoted (subject to examination.)

Lieutenant Albert R. Couden, to be Lieutenant-Commander, March 31, 1889, vice Barber, promoted.

Lieutenant David Daniels (Junior Grade), to be Lieutenant, March 31, 1889, vice Couden, promoted (subject to examination.)

Ensign Harry S. Knapp, to be Lieutenant (Junior Grade), March 31, 1889, vice Daniels (Junior Grade), promoted.

Passed Assistant Paymaster Josiah R. Stanton, to be Paymaster, March 26, 1889, vice Lyon, promoted, and Arms, deceased (subject to examinations). Assistant Paymaster Thomas J. Cowie, to be Passed Assistant Paymaster, March 26, 1889, vice Hoxsey, deceased, Stanton, promoted (subject to examination).

## MARINE CORPS.

First Lieutenant S. W. Quackenbush; has been ordered to duty at the Naval Academy.

First Lieutenant Paul St. C. Murphy, has been ordered to report to Captain H. C. Cochrane for duty in connection with guarding the exhibits at the Centennial Exposition at Paris, France.

Captain H. C. Cochrane has been detached from duty at the Navy-yard, Boston, Mass., and ordered to report to General Franklin, Director of the American Section of the Paris Exposition, for the purpose of guarding the exhibits there. He will have a file of 30 picked men from the Marine Corps to perform this duty.

## Confirmation.

APRIL 2.—Second Lieutenant Harry K. Waite, to be First Lieutenant, March 26, 1889, vice Sutton, deceased.

## CASUALTIES.

No deaths have been officially reported to the Surgeon General of the Navy for the week ending April 4, 1889.

## U. S. NAVY REGULATION CIRCULAR NO. 55.

NAVY DEPT., WASHINGTON, March 30, 1889.

ALL orders from commanding officers to their subordinates, involving travel, must be in writing, and must state specifically what duty is to be performed.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy.

## NAVY MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, called to consider the death of Capt. C. M. Schoonmaker, a member of the society, who perished in the recent hurricane at Apia, the secretary and treasurer were authorized to pay at once to the widow of the deceased officer the sum of \$3,711.80, the amount found due, and to return all advance assessments after the usual lapse of time. In the late disaster at Samoa the society experienced but one loss, that of Capt. Schoonmaker, though there were 20 officers in the squadron members of the association. Paymaster Arms and 1st Lieut. Sutton, who also lost their lives, were not members of the society.

Lieut. Commander Stockton, one of the Board of Directors, tendered his resignation, having been ordered to a distant station to command the *Thetis*. By order of the Board it was accepted with great regret, Mr. Stockton having been one of the most active, conscientious, and useful members of the Board.

## SAVING THE GUNS.

SEVERAL propositions have been made to the Navy Department by wrecking companies for the recovery of what is left of the *Trenton* and *Vandalia*. The batteries, while by no means modern, contain some guns well worth the trouble and cost of recovery, and it is presumed that Admiral Kimberly has already taken some steps in that direction. The natives of Samoa, both men and women, are fond of the water, and many of them swim and dive like ducks. With their assistance it is thought likely that the guns and many other articles can be recovered. The *Trenton's* battery consisted of ten 8 inch M. L. R., two 20-lb. B. L. R. (bronze), one 3-inch B. L. howitzer (500 lbs.), one 3-inch B. L. howitzer (350 lbs.), one 12 inch howitzer, and one short Gatling gun. The *Vandalia* was equipped with one 8 inch M. L. R., six 9 inch smooth bores, one 60-lb. B. L. R., two 20-lb. B. L. R. (bronze), one 12 lb. howitzer, one 3-inch B. L. howitzer, one short and one long Gatling gun. Two Hotchkiss rapid-firing guns, one 37mm. and one 53mm. had also been transferred to her from the *Thetis* a short time before her departure from San Francisco. The battery of the *Nipsic* comprises one 8-inch M. L. R., four 9 inch smooth-bore guns, one 60-lb. B. L. R., one 3-inch B. L. howitzer and one short Gatling.

Some of these guns it is thought might be used in the fortification of the new naval station to be established at the harbor of Pago Pago, for which an appropriation of \$100,000 was made at the last session. This money is now available, but it is not likely that any active steps will be taken towards the establishment of the station until the Berlin Conference concludes its work.

GENERAL JACOB SHARPE has resigned as Governor of the National Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee, Wis., on account of ill health, and Gen. Kilburn Knox succeeds him in the position.

LIEUTENANT T. B. MASON, U. S. N., will remain on duty at the Navy Department as Naval Secretary to Secretary Tracy. The appointment of Henry W. Raymond as Private Secretary to Mr. Tracy will make no change in the lieutenant's duties.

A WASHINGTON paper says: "Secretary Tracy is rapidly making himself familiar with the details of the Navy Department, and naval officers whose memory of Secretaries of that Department goes back to Robeson say that none of them ever gathered in so much knowledge of naval affairs in a month as has General Tracy. The Secretary is a hard worker and puts in long hours for a Cabinet Minister. He is at his office by 9.30 o'clock and seldom leaves before five. Then he has a habit, which is rather surprising in the Department, of deciding things at once, whenever they are ready to be decided and are ready to be presented to him. Of course, if more evidence is needed, he waits until it is obtained, but when the papers are all before him the matter is never put off. And the bureau officers of the Department have discovered that the Secretary never puts his signature to a paper without knowing what is in it."



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**ARMYNAVY.**

**SELDON** has a Navy appointment been received  
with more popular approbation than that of Capt.  
George B. White as Chief of the Bureau of Yards  
and Docks. His fitness for the office is not ques-  
tioned by any one, and although, as in all such  
cases, it took influence to secure his selection—his  
relative, Hon. Wm. D. Kelly, M. C., being active in  
the matter—the Navy is to be congratulated that  
he was sufficiently well equipped in that direction  
to carry off the prize. With several large dry docks  
in process of construction and two new Navy-yards  
likely to be provided for during the next Congress,  
this will be one of the most important bureaus of  
the Department during General Tracy's term.  
Hence his desire to have a young and active man  
like Captain White at its head. Captain White re-  
ceived his commission late Wednesday afternoon  
and at once assumed formal charge of the office.

The New York Sun, referring to the new regula-  
tions governing the detail of Army officers to col-  
lege duty, says: "Taken altogether, the system of  
military instruction at colleges ought to be capable  
of doing good work. The actual results achieved  
during the last eight years can hardly be estimated  
with precision, but doubtless in case of a call for  
volunteers the fruits would become apparent. At  
all events, they provide for a good deal of popular  
military education at almost no additional expense  
to the country."

**THE NAVAL DISASTER AT SAMOA.**

THE loss of the American squadron at Samoa is  
the 'most remarkable disaster through stress of  
weather in the history of our Navy. Never before  
has a squadron belonging to this country been so  
completely annihilated, as this was in a moment of  
time by the fierce blast of the angry storm-god. Far  
greater mishaps have happened to the great navies of  
Spain, of France, and of England. The wreck of the  
famous Armada is known to every child that can  
read. In the fearful gale that followed Lord Rod-  
ney's action of April 1, 1782, upwards of 3,000 sea-  
men lost their lives in the fleet and convoy, the  
misfortune being due to ignorance of the laws of  
storms, the vessels being hove-to on the wrong  
tack. The dreadful disaster following the storm  
that succeeded the great battle of Trafalgar is known  
to every reader of history.

But though in the march of events vessels of the  
American Navy have from time to time dropped out  
of the list, disappeared forever as the *Wasp*, the  
*Hornet*, the *Porpoise*, the *Albany*, the *Levant*, leav-  
ing no trace behind, it has been reserved for this  
year of grace 1889, to chronicle the loss of an entire  
squadron on a distant station, and at a critical  
moment in the relations between the great maritime  
powers.

It is hardly worth while to go into this matter  
beyond the bare facts recited in Rear Admiral Kim-  
berly's cablegram. Nothing can be certainly known  
beyond his very full despatch until his official report  
by letter reaches the authorities at Washington,  
and no criticism would be just against this brave  
and capable officer, who was Farragut's lieutenant  
in all the fierce battles in which the *Hartford* was  
engaged, and who is certainly as good a seaman as  
ever trod a quarter-deck. But at this end of the  
world it would seem, at first glance, as though the  
disaster might at least have been avoided. It is  
known that over two months since the attention of  
the Navy Department was called to the fact that,  
in the event of trouble at Samoa, a large quantity of  
fuel would be needed.

An officer of the Navy of high rank, who had  
great experience in Samoa and in Australia, called  
the attention of the Navy Department, in an offi-  
cial letter, to the fact that an admirable quality of  
coal, known as the Wollongong or Illiwarra coal,  
could be purchased in Australia for less than three  
dollars per ton, and that a cablegram to the U. S.  
Consul at Sydney, in New South Wales, would  
cause a thousand tons to reach Pago Pago, in Tu-  
tuila, within a month, at a cost of about eight dollars  
per ton. But the ways of bureaus, like the ways of  
Providence, are very mysterious and often past  
finding out, and the coal, instead of being shipped  
directly from Sydney, as it should have been, and  
reaching Samoa before the end of February, was  
sent from New York and from San Francisco, and  
none of it had, of course, reached Apia at the  
period of the great disaster. It is believed  
by naval officers that had Admiral Kimberly's  
ships been fully supplied with fuel the disaster  
would have been averted, as it is not believed for  
one moment that they would have allowed steam  
to go down or remained at anchor in Apia, always  
provided that the usual warning before the hurri-  
cane had been given by barometer and sky. The  
harbor of Apia, though the best in the island of  
Upolu, is never considered safe during the hurri-  
cane months, which last from December to April.  
The only safe harbor in all Samoa is Pago Pago, in  
Tutuila, the "key" of the islands, which is land  
locked and protected against any hurricane that  
may blow from any quarter. Apia, on the con-  
trary, is an open coral reef harbor. The entrance  
opens to the north, is not over 1,500 yards wide,  
and the anchorage ground is very limited. The  
bottom is hard coral, covered with a slight surface  
of coral sand, and a ship's anchor does not "grip"  
or hold. Vessels ride solely by the weight of their  
anchors. Of course, then, in a fierce gale the  
danger is increased a hundredfold. Fortunately,  
hurricanes are not very common in Samoa,  
though frequently occurring in the Tonga and  
Fiji groups. They generally sweep up through the  
belt of ocean between the Tonga and Samoa islands.  
In 1848 a terrible one occurred, and again in April,  
1850, and in June, 1870, the islands were visited by  
terrible hurricanes, which destroyed the cocoa nut,



banana and bread fruit crops, and nearly reduced the natives to starvation for several weeks. These hurricanes are often accompanied by earthquakes and tidal waves. March 26, 1883, such a one occurred, and every vessel in Apia save one small schooner was driven out to sea and lost.

These storms generally commence with the wind at northwest or north, and end with wind at east or southeast, but not always. The great hurricane of Dec. 26, 1848, commenced with the wind at east, which proved the centre of the storm to have approached from the northward, whereas these storm centres usually approach from southwest or west. Except during the hurricane season the climate of Samoa is delightful, and the southeast trade winds blow steadily for seven months of the year.

But if the Americans suffered severely in this disaster, what is to be said of the German fleet, in which the percentage of lives lost was five fold greater? At one blow Providence placed the German fleet in Mataafa's hands; for, encamped at easy distance with 9,000 warriors under him, what was to prevent this so-called "savage" from swooping down on the miserable, shipwrecked, defenceless Germans? Yet the cable tells us that the *Christian* Mataafa and his men rendered noble service and saved many of the lives of these men, their recent enemies, who had basely kidnapped their King, Malietoa, and still hold him in cruel exile. The Germans will have to face the indignation of the entire civilized world if they are a whit less magnanimous or generous than this Samoan chief.

The moral of this business is that modern ships at anchor are very little better in a hurricane than the old wooden craft. Great steam power is, of course, most potent, and the high speed of the English corvette *Calliope*, and her readiness to slip and put at once to sea, are doubtless all that saved her from sharing the fate of the *Trenton* or the *Olga*.

The saving of the entire crew of the *Trenton* under such remarkable conditions of weather can be due to nothing else than excellent organization, and a high state of discipline. So much can be gainsaid by no seaman. Let us wait then and hear what Kimberly has to say in his official letters.

WHILE the opinion still prevails that General Kelton will succeed Adjutant General Drum upon his retirement in May next, it has become apparent within the past few days that there are other candidates in the field who, while not over sanguine, consider the prize well worth working for, and this several of them are doing, and in a very vigorous manner, too. The friends of Col. McKeever are particularly active. Vice President Morton, who is a relative, and Secretary of State Blaine are mentioned as among the more prominent of his supporters. Col. Whipple and Lt.-Col. Vincent are also in the race. The former is said to be Gen. Sherman's candidate; the latter, Gen. Schofield's. Many Grand Army people have also advocated Col. Vincent's appointment. Lt.-Col. Green's friends are also occasionally heard from. The popular opinion, however, is that the President in making his selection will depend in a great measure upon the advice of the Secretary of War and the Adjutant General. This, it is reliably hinted, will be in favor of Gen. Kelton.

The question of the guilt or innocence of Mrs. Surratt, who was hung as a co-conspirator with Booth in the assassination of President Lincoln, is again under discussion. At the last meeting of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Henry L. Burnett, now a lawyer practising in New York, and in 1865 Colonel and Assistant J.-A. General, representing the Government at the trial of Mrs. Surratt, completed the reading of a paper in which he set forth the Government's case against her. In the North American Review for April, John T. Ford, proprietor of the theatre in which Lincoln was assassinated by Booth, presents a most earnest and solemn declaration of his belief in Mrs. Surratt's entire innocence of any part in or knowledge of the Booth conspiracy, either for the abduction of, or assassination of the President. Mr. Ford claims to speak from a

thorough knowledge of the circumstances and a special investigation of the subject which he discusses. He charges Colonel Burnett with a suppressio veri in the preparation of the printed report of the conspiracy trial and deals in some very uncomplimentary references to what he describes as General Holt's "bitterness and vehemence of despair," as shown in his letters to the late attorney. General Burnett very conclusively answers these statements in his paper.

THE abolition of inspections and dress parades on Sundays will probably be put into effect by the President's order. The subject has lately been referred to him with that purpose in view. The object of the advocates of the reform is to make the order as lasting as possible. As an order from the President it will not be an easy matter for a future Secretary or an officer in command of the Army to secure its revocation. This is the course pursued by Secretary Cass, and for ten years the order doing away with Sunday inspections, which bore the signature of President Jackson, withstood the pressure of General Scott, and many other Army officers of his time who were opposed to any change.

THE Army Medical Examining Board to meet in New York City May 1, may hold its sessions in the new Army Building, corner of Pearl and Whitehall streets.

It was the desire of the late John Ericsson that if any biography of him was undertaken, the work should be entrusted to his friend William C. Church, Editor of the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL. Immediately upon Ericsson's death his executors were applied to by several publishers for material for a biography, and it became apparent that the popular demand for information concerning him was so great that one was sure to be written. The executors, accordingly, decided to entrust all of his papers to Mr. Church, and he will prepare a biography for publication by Scribner's Sons. The papers furnish, it appears, much more material for biography than was supposed. It is true that Captain Ericsson destroyed his diary, but all his papers since 1860 have been preserved, and in private letters, and other documents, is found abundant material relating to his youth and the influences which shaped his early career. For the first time an opportunity offers for admitting the world to a full knowledge of the striking personality of the great engineer, who has been heretofore known only through his works.

VOLUME 29 of the Records of the War of the Rebellion, which contains the report of the operations of the Army of the Potomac in Northern Virginia from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31, 1863, has been sent to the Government printer, with the certificate of Secretary Proctor to the effect that there is nothing but official matter contained therein. This volume has been ready for the printer for some months, but has been delayed in consequence of Ex-Secretary Endicott's refusal to sign the certificate required by law. He declined to take this action in view of the investigation of the subject of the incorporation of non-official matter into the records that was in progress during the past Congress.

THE circular issued last week containing instructions for the examination of recruits, including a diagram of the human figure, with directions for recording personal markings on accepted recruits, was prepared by Major Greenleaf, assistant to the Surgeon-General. This object—the prevention of desertion by detecting "repeaters"—is commendable, and if it works as well in practice as in theory Maj. Greenleaf will be entitled to much credit for his untiring efforts in the matter. The progress of the professional deserter once effectually arrested there will be a noticeable diminution in the desertions annually reported.

MAJOR-GENERAL SCHOFIELD'S first official inspection trip as Commanding General of the Army, will be made some time next month. He has not as yet matured his programme, but will undoubtedly visit the new cavalry and artillery school at Ft. Riley, the new post near Denver, Forts Sheridan, Robinson and Niobrara and other Western posts. He will be accompanied by his brother and probably Lieut. Pitcher.

MARCH was a month of naval disasters. Though the chief losses fell upon Germany and America, England did not escape, having lost the *Sultan*, which represented the expenditure of nearly two and a half millions of dollars, and also the *Cumberland*, a training ship, which was burnt.

THE London correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says: "A curious proof of British good will to America was furnished by last night's performance at the Alhambra. The new military ballet there brought out introduces the troops of different nations as guests at Portsmouth. Their reception varied greatly, but the most popular of all, according to the morning papers, were the American soldiers. France came next, then Italy; while both Germany and Russia were roundly hissed. Music hall audiences are no doubt peculiar, but not to be despised. It was a music hall which set Jingoism going in 1878. Note also that the appearance of the Royal Irish Fusiliers was greeted with cries of 'Good Old Parnell!' More solid evidence of our English cousins' feeling is supplied by the Queen's message of sympathy in reference to the catastrophe to the American vessels at Samoa, and by the messages from the British squadrons. These last are here thought more remarkable than the Queen's. Very striking also is Admiral Horaby's letter. He is by common consent the most accomplished of British admirals, and it means much when he takes pains to point out that the good fortune of the British ship *Calliope* implies no superiority in seamanship over her less fortunate comrades."

THE tour of duty of ten of the regimental staff expires during the calendar year 1889; 19 during 1890; 35 during 1891, and 16 during 1892. Four of the ten changes, due this year, have already been made, and the following occur on the dates mentioned. According to the Register, Lieut. Hoyle, Adjutant, 2d Art., completed his four years on March 25, but as he did not report for duty until Aug. 1, 1885, it has been decided by the Secretary of War that his tour will not be up until the 1st of the coming August: 1st Lieut. Eli D. Hoyle, Adj., 2d Art., Aug. 1, 1889; 1st Lieut. John I. Van Orsdale, R. Q. M., 7th Inf., June 1, 1889; 1st Lieut. Wm. Lassiter, R. Q. M., 16th Inf., July 1, 1889; 1st Lieut. Chas. A. Worden, Adj., 7th Inf., Oct. 1, 1889; 1st Lieut. Chas. B. Thompson, R. Q. M., 5th Inf., Oct. 14, 1889; 1st Lieut. Louis A. Craig, Adj., 6th Cav., Dec. 11, 1889.

THE English Army estimates for the current year call for an addition of 2000,000 to the annual expenditure. This gives an increase of 2,615 men; improves existing works and submarine defences, supplies the army with quick-firing guns, new field guns of the latest pattern and magazine rifles, and increases the First Class Army Reserve, which will, it is anticipated, in the course of the ensuing financial year, reach the high figure of 58,000 men. The Secretary for War, Mr. Stanhope, calculates that in 10 days the field army of 80,000 men could be made ready. For the defence of London, Mr. Stanhope is making arrangements for constructing at certain important strategical points entrenched camps, surrounded by ordinary field works. In case of invasion these works would be extended and connected, all necessary preparation having been made to secure promptitude of action.

A VACANCY having occurred this week in the limited retired list an opportunity is given for ascertaining Secretary Proctor's policy in regard to the relation of disabled officers for retirement. According to the rule which prevailed during the last Administration, Lieut. Hugh T. Reed, 1st Infantry, would be relegated to the existing vacancy, as he is now on the eve of promotion. Considerable pressure has been brought to bear to secure his promotion before retirement but the Secretary has not yet indicated what action he will take in the matter. The Secretary has been made acquainted with the views of his predecessor on this subject and may be expected to take action at an early date, now that there are two vacancies on the limited list.

THE Kansas City Times has received from a post in the Department of the Missouri the following: "Some posts are getting a little too much of the canteen order. We find company and post canteens existing at the same posts, and members of companies who have canteens of their own obtaining credit at post canteens after running up to their limits in their own; thus mortgaging a large portion of their pay, while they enjoy no part of the post canteen profits resulting from the same. Should this not be corrected in some way? Perhaps it is not looked upon as an evil by some, especially those who reap the benefits."

THE General Court-martial ordered for the trial of Major Lydecker finally concluded its labors on April 3, and several of the members left Washington the same day to rejoin their stations. The examination of witnesses was concluded on Saturday last. The feature of the last day's session was Major Davis' masterly presentation of the Government's case. His argument and manner of delivery showed him to be every inch a lawyer, and a good one, too. He was listened to with close attention by every member of the court, and everybody pres-



ent agreed that he cleverly met every point raised by the defence. The proceedings and findings of the court are now in the hands of the Secretary of War, but will be sent to the Acting Judge Advocate General for review before they are finally approved. The popular opinion is that the court's sentence lies between a reprimand and suspension from rank and duty, though, of course, nothing can be definitely known until the Secretary or President has taken action.

LYELL in 1841 estimated that Niagara Falls were receding at the rate of a foot a year, making their age 35,000 years. Other geologists, assuming a slower rate of recession, give an age of 100,000 years. Actual surveys in 1842 and again in 1846 show, however, an annual recession for the southeasterly edge of the horseshoe falls of nine feet a year during this period. The wear at the sides, which is not so rapid, has been during the 44 years 7.24 feet. Mr. Julius Pohlman, in a paper read before the American Institute of Mining Engineers, estimated the age of the falls at 3,000 years, assuming that they did not start as low down as Lewiston, as has been held, but only one hundred and a half miles below their present site, the rate of recession being 2.4 feet annually.

THE special session of the Senate called for action upon nominations submitted by the President adjourned on Tuesday after clearing the calendar of all but one or two appointments. No Army or Navy nominations were left pending.

THE Tactical Board, with the exception of Major H. C. Hasbrouck, 4th U. S. Art., detained by illness, duly arrived at Fort Leavenworth April 1, and have been engaged during the week in mapping out a programme of its future labors.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the veterans of the Mexican War, who compose the Scott Legion, to celebrate the forty-second anniversary of the battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico, April 18, in Philadelphia.

SATURDAY of this week, April 6, is the twenty-third anniversary of the birth of the Grand Army of the Republic. The order was founded at Decatur, Ill., April 6, 1866.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

THE disastrous hurricane at Apia, Samoa, March 15, cost the Navy the lives of three gallant and efficient officers, Captain Cornelius Marius Schoonmaker, Paymaster Frank H. Arms, and Lieutenant F. E. Sutton, U. S. Marine Corps.

Capt. Schoonmaker was a fine officer, a strict disciplinarian and at the same time popular with his subordinates for, while strict in requiring the observance of the regulations, he was punctilious in observing them himself. Personally he was an amiable gentleman, of agreeable but quiet manners, and a favorite with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was sincerely religious and encouraged all efforts tending to promote religion on his ship, though he never obtruded his views on others. He was a mild, even-tempered gentleman, preferring to accept unpleasant things silently rather than make an enemy. He was temperate in all his habits, except, perhaps, with his pipe, of which he was very fond.

Capt. Schoonmaker was born in Kingston, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1839, and entered the Navy in 1854. He had an excellent war record. In May, 1861, he was attached to the *Minnesota*, and participated in the engagement at which Forts Hatteras and Clarke were captured. He was then promoted to the position of sailing master of the *Minnesota*, and became lieutenant Aug. 31, 1861. From November, 1861, until July, 1863, he was executive officer of the gunboat *Wyandotte*, of the South Atlantic blockading squadron. From October, 1863, to March, 1864, he was executive officer of the steamer *Octorara*. For one year he was in Rear-Admiral Wilkes' flying squadron attached to the West Gulf blockading squadron, off Mobile; then was made executive officer of the monitor *Manhattan*. In August, 1864, he was in the encounter with the ironclad steamer *Tennessee*, which was captured with other Confederate gunboats. He was also present at the capture of Forts Morgan and Gaines. Dec. 24, 1865, he was commissioned lieutenant-commander and ordered to go as navigator of the *Piscataqua*, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral S. C. Rowan. Then he joined the Asiatic squadron, and returned to New York in November, 1870. In 1872 he was engaged in torpedo instructions at Newport, remaining until May, when he was placed in command of the steamer *Frolic*, bearing the flag of Vice-Admiral Rowan. The following May he went to St. John's, and brought to Washington part of the crew of the *Polaris*, taken from an ice floe. Feb. 14, 1873, he was commissioned commander, and Oct. 10, 1879, was ordered to the command of the *Nipsic* and sent on special duty to one of the South American States. On his return he was sent to join the European squadron. In 1882 he went to Norfolk Navy-yard as navigation officer, and afterward was made equipment officer. On the 7th of October, 1886, he was promoted captain, and had been in command of the *Vandalia* since April 5, 1888. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

Paymaster Frank H. Arms was born in Connecticut in 1836, and was appointed acting assistant paymaster April 14, 1864. He was commissioned paymaster Oct. 14, 1871. His father was the late Rev. Dr. Arms, of Norwich, Conn. Paymaster Arms was one of the most jovial and whole souled men in the Service. He was a devout Christian, and al-

ways took a great interest in the work of the Episcopal Church, to which he belonged; was a man of great refinement and culture and a prime favorite at Honolulu. He leaves a widow, the daughter of the late Peter C. Turner, of New London. A man of striking presence and pleasant address he naturally attracted friends. He was a musician of considerable proficiency, and while in Honolulu on his late cruise in the *Vandalia*, rendered valuable aid in the churches there. His reading was extensive, and he was always ready to help younger officers by his advice in schemes for their own culture.

1st Lieut. Francis E. Sutton, U. S. Marine Corps, was appointed to the Naval Academy from New York June 21, 1877, and was the first graduate of Annapolis to enter the Marine Corps. He was promoted 1st lieutenant March 9, 1888. He had been detailed to command the marine guard of the *Mohican*, but the *Vandalia* sailing suddenly for Samoa before the arrival of her commanding officer of marines, Lieut. Sutton took his place, expecting to fall in with the *Mohican* on the cruise. His father is a resident of Rome, N. Y. Lieut. Sutton was regarded as one of the brightest and most intelligent officers of the Marine Corps, and his loss is greatly deplored. Wherever he was known he was loved, and the loss which his family and friends suffer through his death is shared by the whole Naval Service. Intellectually, his peers are scarce, and as a conversationalist he was pre-eminent above all his associates, having a command of language and an originality, ease and forcibleness of expression perhaps never attained by any other graduate of the Naval Academy. To the class of which he was a member his loss is especially heavy, for in him, to a great extent, their hopes were centered; he was almost universally regarded as the most brilliant man among them, and it was confidently felt that in the race for honors and distinction Frank Sutton would, with his usual ease, carry the colors of his class far to the front. During the four years course at the academy he was noticeable as a student whose studies were not confined to the curriculum, and who, while devoting much of his time to the Latin classics, and to miscellaneous reading, was yet able, without apparent effort, to maintain a position near the head of his class. On June 10, 1881, he was graduated from the academy as a star cadet, standing No. 5, in a class which began the course with 124 members. He was, shortly after graduation, ordered to duty on the Pacific station, where he remained until the spring of 1883, when he was ordered to Annapolis for final examination. In the meantime the act of Aug. 5, 1882, had been passed, and the final examination was to decide which members of the class should remain in the Service. Under the strong pressure of the knowledge that their chances of remaining in the Service would be decided by this examination, most of the members of the class devoted their time to study as they had never done before, but Sutton, declining to take up a book, relied entirely upon his previously acquired professional knowledge to carry him through, and, somewhat to the surprise and much to the pleasure of all his classmates, was again graduated as a star, taking the second mark in his class. On his own application he was then transferred to the Marine Corps.

Paymaster's Clerk John Roche, also lost in the hurricane, was appointed from Ilion, N. Y., was 28 years of age, and a man of athletic build. His nearest relative is J. Jeffrey Roche, who is assistant editor of the *Boston Pilot*. He was a general favorite wherever he was known. He was beginning his fourth cruise in the Pacific, and it is probably safe to say that he was better known along the west coast of South America than any other officer in the Navy. His many friends in the Service will recall his generous nature, and his bright, ready wit, which seemed to flow perpetually. As a raconteur he had few equals. He leaves a host of friends, who will often sigh to think that genial John Roche will never again delight them with his kindly wit and jolly stories.

THE Medical Department of the Army has lost two of its officers within the past few days. Lieutenant-Colonel Richard H. Alexander, Surgeon, U. S. A., died at Los Angeles, Cal., March 29, being at the time on leave of absence, which would have expired April 11. Colonel Alexander was a son of General E. B. Alexander, U. S. A., and an officer of long and meritorious service. He was born in Illinois and was appointed assistant surgeon July 26, 1853, attaining his present grade of surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, Dec. 7, 1884. During the War his duties were arduous and for their faithful performance he received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel. The funeral took place at Los Angeles, Cal., April 1, with military honors.

Captain Richards Barnett, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., who died March 27 at his post of duty, Fort Riley, Kansas, was born in Mississippi, and was appointed assistant surgeon June 26, 1875, attaining the rank of captain June 26, 1880. He was a meritorious and efficient medical officer, although, we believe, not in very good health for some years past. A Fort Riley correspondent writes: "Dr. Barnett was kind and considerate, an accomplished physician, an honorable man, a loyal friend and a genial companion, and he leaves this life bearing with him the regard and esteem of every one who knew him, and all feel the better to have been the friend of so chivalric a gentleman. He was in the prime of life and occupied an enviable position in his profession. The remains were taken to his sorrowing family in Vicksburg, Miss. The pall bearers at the funeral were: Major Bacho, Major White, Capt. Moylan, Capt. Gibson, Capt. Pond, and Capt. Edgerly."

BREVET LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE A. WILLIAMS, Major U. S. Army, retired, who died April 2 at his home in Newburg, N. Y., entered West

Point in 1848, was graduated in 1852 and promoted to the 1st Infantry. He attained the rank of Captain May 14, 1861, and served with much gallantry and efficiency, receiving the brevets of Major and Lieutenant-Colonel for his bravery at Corinth and Vicksburg. After the war he filled many responsible positions, was promoted Major 6th Infantry March 15, 1866, transferred to the 20th Infantry 1869, and was retired from active service Dec. 15, 1870, for disability received in line of duty in 1863 while on the expedition by Yazoo Pass to the Yazoo. He leaves a widow and one child. The funeral was private.

THE body of Capt. George Frederick Price, 5th U. S. Cavalry, was interred in Woodlawn Cemetery April 2, the funeral exercises being in charge of Ellis Post, G. A. R. The Rev. James M. Dickson, D. D., pastor of the Pilgrim Church, Providence, R. I., for many years the warm personal friend of Capt. Price, gave a history of the deceased officer's life, interspersing the sketch with incidents of his exploits among the Indians.

LIEUTENANT D. W. FULTON, 24th U. S. Infantry, who died at Fort Bayard, N. M., March 28, 1889, was a native of Ohio, entered the Military Academy in 1882, was graduated July 1, 1888, and promoted to the 24th Infantry.

AN ex-officer of the Army, who once stood high in the public estimation, Marcus A. Reno, died March 31, at Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C. He was suffering from an affection of the tongue caused by smoking, but died of erysipelas. Major Reno was born in Illinois, was graduated at West Point July 1, 1857, and was assigned to the dragoons. After serving on the frontier he was promoted captain, 1st Cavalry, Nov. 12, 1861. Subsequently he took part, among other engagements, in the battles of Williamsburg, Gaines' Mills, Malvern Hill, Antietam and the action at Kelly's Ford, Va., March 17, 1863, where he was injured, and was brevetted major for gallant and meritorious conduct. He was also present at Cold Harbor and Trevilian Station, and at Cedar Creek Oct. 19, 1864, and received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel for his gallantry at that battle. From January to July, 1865, as colonel of the 12th Pennsylvania cavalry, he was in command of a brigade, and encountered Mosby's guerillas at Harmony, Va. On March 13, 1865, he was brevetted colonel in the Regular Army and brigadier general of volunteers for his gallant and meritorious services during the war. Dec. 26, 1868, he was promoted major, 7th Cavalry, and in 1876 he was engaged with Gen. Geo. A. Custer in the expedition against the Sioux under Sitting Bull. He was in the action of the Little Big Horn when Custer, with nearly his entire regiment, were slaughtered by the savages, and it was charged that he failed to bring his portion of the command up to support Custer when the latter was surprised by the Sioux. In 1877 he was tried for various offences committed while in command of Fort Abercrombie and was sentenced to be dismissed, but the President mitigated it to suspension from rank and pay for two years. Again, in 1880, he was brought to trial at Fort Meade for drunken and disorderly conduct, etc., and was again sentenced to be dismissed the Service, which was approved and went into effect April, 1880. Since then he made repeated efforts to be restored to the Army but without success. Late he had figured in the newspapers in connection with a divorce suit. Thus ends a life which in the past gave promise of unusual brilliancy.

THE friends of Gen. and Mrs. Orlando M. Poe will learn with sorrow of the severe affliction which has visited them in the loss of their youngest son, Orlando W., a fine lad of 13 years of age. He died at the General's home in Detroit, shortly after 12 o'clock Saturday night, March 30, of rheumatism of the heart. For the past two years he had been in poor health, but it was not until about a year ago that it became known that he was troubled with heart disease. For the past few months, however, he had been in good spirits. About a week ago he came home from school and said he did not feel well. On Wednesday Dr. H. F. Lyster said the case was serious, and Mrs. Poe, who was in Washington, was telegraphed for. She started immediately and reached Detroit Friday night.

COUNT ARMAND FRANCOIS ROBERT DE GIVERVILLE, who died in St. Louis April 3, was a French nobleman who came to this country over twenty years ago and married a daughter of Capt. Kingsbury, U. S. A. When the Franco-Prussian war broke out the Count went to France and fought in the French Army during the entire war. At its conclusion he returned to St. Louis. He was a very self-willed, eccentric man, and many interesting anecdotes are related of him.

JOHN MACFARLANE, carpenter, U. S. Navy, who died suddenly at Philadelphia, April 1, was appointed to that position Oct. 3, 1861, and was faithful and efficient in the performance of his duties.

#### LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Asst. Surg. Robt. P. Finley is relieved from duty at Fort Stanton, N. M., and ordered to Fort Sidney, Neb.; Asst. Surg. Chas. S. Black is granted six months' leave (S. O., April 3, H. Q. A.)

COLONEL G. H. MENDELL, U. S. A., registered at the Grand Hotel, New York City, on Thursday.

LIEUTENANT H. J. GOLDMAN, 5th Cavalry, sailed on the *Trave* April 3 for Germany, to be absent four months.

MRS. RICKETTS, widow of Gen. Jas. B. Ricketts, U. S. A., who has been dangerously ill, is slowly improving.

MR. ROBERT T. LINCOLN called upon the President and Secretary Blaine on Thursday and formally accepted the English mission. He will sail for England about May 15.



## THE STATE TROOPS.

## THE CENTENNIAL PARADE.

The Society of Veterans of the Regular Army and Navy are making preparations for the Washington Inaugural Centennial. The society, by the courtesy of the 14th Regiment, of Brooklyn, has secured the use of Room No. 3, City Hall, Brooklyn, for headquarter purposes, and will meet every Wednesday evening. All who have served at any time in the Regular Army, Navy, Signal or Marine Corps and been honorably discharged therefrom, are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Phil. Sheridan Command, No. 7, of this society, will also meet at the same time and place. Alexander B. Butts is the Commander-in-Chief, with his headquarters at No. 99 Nassau street, New York City. The official programme of the centennial exercises has now been settled. The naval display and the reception of President Harrison and party and other details will be conducted as announced in the JOURNAL of March 30, page 622.

On Tuesday, April 30, the day of the grand military parade, special services will be held in St. Paul's Church, Vesey street and Broadway, at 9 A. M., which will be attended by the President and other guests. This service will be conducted by the Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., Bishop of New York. (Services of thanksgiving will also be held throughout the country.)

At 10 o'clock the commemorative exercises proper will take place on the south front of the Sub-Treasury building, the scene of the inauguration ceremony on April 30, 1789. The exercises will consist of prayer by the Rev. Dr. Richard B. Storrs, a poem by Whittier, the oration by Chauncey M. Depew, an address by President Harrison and benediction by Archbishop Corrigan.

The head of the procession will move from Wall street and Broadway at 10 A. M., and move up Broadway to Waverly Place, thence to 5th avenue, and up 5th avenue to 59th street, where it will be disbanded. Major General Schofield, U. S. A., will be in command. First will come the West Point and Annapolis cadets, then the Regulars, and following them the State militia, each State headed by its Governor and military staff mounted, in the following order: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island. The other States will follow in the order in which they were admitted into the Union. Next will come the Loyal Legion and the Grand Army posts.

At 6 o'clock a reception will be given the President by the Art Committee at the Loan Exhibition rooms in the Opera House. At 6.30 the great banquet will be served at the Metropolitan Opera House. Wednesday, May 1, will be devoted to the industrial and civic parade.

On April 17, the formal opening of the Loan Exhibition of Historical Portraits in the Assembly room of the Metropolitan Opera House will take place at 8 P. M. It will remain open until May 8.

The Sub-committee at their meeting on April 2, decided to erect another grand stand at City Hall Park to accommodate in the neighborhood of 3000 people, running from Chambers St. 400 feet south, and at this stand only a small admission will be charged.

The Committee also decided that a display of fireworks should take place at the following places on the evening of April 30, and appropriated the necessary amount: Battery Park, Tompkins Square, Canal St. Park, Washington Square, Union Square, plaza at 59th St. and 5th Ave., Mount Morris Park, East River Park, foot of 36th St. East, Washington Heights, and a site in the 23d and 24th Wards not yet determined upon. The grand reviewing stand will run from 23d to 26th St., along 5th Ave. and will hold 5,000 people.

As announced heretofore the 4th N. Y. Brigade, under Brig. Gen. Doyle, will be quartered in Madison Square Garden.

The troops of the 4th brigade will be organized into three regiments as follows:

To the 65th regiment will be attached the 30th and 42d separate companies. Lieut.-Col. J. E. Robie commanding.

To the 74th regiment will be attached the 1st, 13th, and 43d separate companies. It will be in command of Lieut.-Col. Johnson.

A provisional regiment, the 4th, will be formed of the 2d, 8th, 26th, 29th, 34th, 38th, 40th, 41st and 45th separate companies. Col. Samuel Welch, Jr., 65th regiment, will command.

On Monday afternoon, April 23, it is intended to have if possible a brigade review and dress parade. On Tuesday morning breakfast will be served at 8.30 and the regiments will prepare for the parade. The journey home it is thought will not be commenced until Wednesday morning when the troops will be despatched to their several stations with all possible speed.

The 3d N. Y. Brigade, under Gen. Parker, will be quartered partially on the steamer Grand Republic and the 12th Regiment Armory.

The separate companies of the 3d Brigade will be formed into three provisional regiments of ten companies each, as follows:

The first provisional regiment will consist of the 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 23d and 24th separate companies. Lt.-Col. W. J. Harding, 13th Regiment, will command.

The second provisional regiment will consist of the 3d, 6th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st, 22d, 27th and 32d separate companies. Col. A. S. Bacon will command.

The third provisional regiment will consist of the 20th, 28th, 31st, 33d, 35th, 36th, 37th, 39th and 44th and 46th separate companies. Lt.-Col. J. A. Dennison, 71st Regiment, will command.

The commandants detailed will certainly have reason to be proud of the troops under them, and the companies of the provisional regiments will have reason to feel equally proud of their commandants.

The 10th Battalion and the second provisional regiment (3d Brigade) will find both transportation

and quarters on the steamer Grand Republic. The first and third provisional regiments, same brigade, will arrive in New York about noon the 29th inst., by rail, and will be quartered at the 12th Regiment Armory.

Commanding officers of provisional regiments will select their field, staff and non-commissioned officers and submit their names for approval at general headquarters.

Pay will be allowed to the 1st and 2d Brigades for one day; for the 3d Brigade, excepting the 27th, 35th and 39th separate companies, two days; for the companies mentioned and for the 4th Brigade, three days.

William G. Hamilton, Major Asa Bird Gardiner, Captain Henry Erben and John A. King, have returned from Washington. They report that they received every assurance that the President would do what the committee desired, and that he would arrive at Elizabethport at 11 A. M. April 29, and go through the programme as the committee has planned.

The members of the State Legislature and Board of New York Aldermen are now reported to be very wrathful because the dead head tickets kindly donated them by the committee, for the grand ball and banquet, are good for only one and do not admit a lady. It was impossible to include the wives and families in the invitations to the ball and to the banquet because the accommodations of the Metropolitan Opera House are limited. If the officials who have been invited as guests wish to bring ladies they must purchase the tickets that are set apart for sale. This is only proper.

At the meeting of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion, held at Delmonico's on Wednesday evening, April 3, invitations were accepted to appoint fifty members of the commandery to take part in the reception of President Harrison, April 29, and to parade with the troops on April 30. A resolution was passed requesting the Senior Vice Commander, W. C. Church, to take command of the details from the commandery on these two occasions. He was also authorized to appoint a committee of twenty to take charge of the entertainment of members of other commanderies visiting New York at the time of the Centennial, and \$1,500 was appropriated to meet the expenses of the entertainment.

The delay in designating the troops to represent the State of Pennsylvania was due to the question of transportation. Under date of April 4, it is announced that this matter has now been settled and that the entire division will take part. In the inauguration parade they numbered 7,900 officers and men and it is thought that nearly the same number will be represented at New York.

## THE PROPOSED VETERAN RESERVE CORPS.

A MEETING of commanding officers of the various organizations of the 1st and 2d Brigades, N. Y., to take action in regard to the bill now before the Legislature, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Organization of a Veteran Reserve Corps in the Reserve Militia from among those Exempted by Reason of Military Service from Ordinary Duty," was held at 1st Brigade Headquarters on April 1. Gen. L. Fitzgerald being in the chair. This bill is considered decidedly against the interest of the National Guard proper. It provides for the banding together of ex-members of the National Guard, firemen and others into a corps, and gives them various rights and privileges which it would be very unwise to allow, and this was the unanimous opinion of those assembled. A committee of five was appointed, consisting of Col. Scott, Partridge, Kopper, Harding, and Capt. Wilson, to wait on the chairman of the Military Committee and request him to delay the hearing and report of the bill, in order that protests may be heard on the subject.

One section of the bill provides that the commissioned officers of the corps shall not be liable to be commanded except by the President of the United States, the Governor and their own commanding officers, but they are to receive when in uniform "every mark of respect to which their rank in the military forces of the State may entitle them respectively." The practical effect of such a bill would be to constitute a man who had served five years in the Guard, and joined this corps and become a major, a colonel or a captain, or some of the other numerous officers which this corps contemplates, of equal grade with an officer in the National Guard, and entitled to all the military respect and courtesy of such office from other privates in the National Guard who have served a longer time than he has, and whose fidelity to their regiments still keeps them in the ranks.

## Seventh New York.—Col. Emmons Clark.

JUDGE O'BRYEN, of the Supreme Court, on April 2 denied the application of the 1st Regiment Veteran Association for the continuance of the injunction restraining the field officers and colonel of the regiment from interfering with their exclusive use of the veterans' room in the armory building. Judge O'Brien, in denying the motion to continue the injunction, says: "It is to be regretted that any question should have arisen leading the association to appeal to the courts, thus risking a severance of the good feeling, harmony and accord which in the past has done much to build up and strengthen a regiment which is to-day a municipal pride. When we consider that the land was given for a public use, that the building is a public one, the terms of the lease itself, the laws relating to armories, the tenor of the military regulations and the public interests, there springs up a grave doubt as to the plaintiff's right to a permanent exclusive possession. While therefore the good faith and honor of the regiment are pledged to the Veteran Association, for with a belief in their power lawfully to grant the same the regiment did give permission in terms as broad as claimed, and relying on which plaintiffs contributed to the building, yet in my view of the doubtful legality of the permission granted upon which all plaintiffs' legal and equitable rights depend, I am constrained to deny the motion."

## Ninth New York.—Col. W. Seward, Jr.

On Tuesday evening, March 26, Co. G, Capt. J. W. Wilcocks, gave a very entertaining dress parade and review at the armory. It was made doubly enjoyable by the assistance of a detachment from Bat. C, 6th U. S. Art., under command of Lieut. J. D. Miles, from Governor's Island, and the Veterans of the 10th Regt. N. Y. State Vol., under Capt. A. Chamberlain. Co. G had 16 files double rank; Bat. C, 6th Art., eight files single rank; Veterans, 10th N. Y. Vol., three files single rank. The assembly for dress parade sounded at 9.30. Col. Seward was reviewing officer. After the review the companies drilled separately in various movements, and in loading and firing. Bat. C gave a

skirmish drill by bugle call. The Veterans of the 10th Vols. drilled under the old manual, right shoulder shift, left front, etc. Co. G drilled through the school of the soldier. The manual of arms and time was perfect, and wheelings and marchings good, with distances very well taken, no distance being lost in wheeling into line in any instance. In fact, the company gave evidence of intelligence and general proficiency in discipline, reflecting great credit upon their officers. Co. G now has a membership of 68 men and is rapidly gaining. The manual of arms by the Regulars was executed in a manner that created unlimited applause. It is an excellent idea to occasionally invite companies from some of the Regulars stationed near by, and it shows in a very forcible manner what it means to be a soldier. At 10.30 dancing commenced, the grand march being led by Col. Seward and Lieut. Miles of the 5th Art. A detachment from Co. G, under Lieut. Taylor, met the boys from Governor's Island at South Ferry and escorted them to the armory. A large number of guests were present.

At the last meeting of the Armory Board a communication was received from Col. Wm. Seward, who offered to take for his command the armory site on 14th street, between 6th and 7th avenues, now occupied by the 23d Regt. There are two additional lots on the easterly side of the armory that would be taken by the city under condemnation proceedings in order to give sufficient room for the proposed new armory. The Commissioner of Public Works was instructed to make a survey of the site and report back to the Board. It is to be hoped that the regiment can secure this site, which is a very advantageous one.

## Twelfth New York.—Col. T. H. Barber.

The sixth annual drill and reception of the drum and fife corps of the 12th N. Y., under the leadership of Drum Major Richard McKay, was held at the armory on the evening of March 23, before a large audience. The exhibition of field musicians duty, in which the different calls were sounded, was very well rendered. The drill in the school of the company and the silent drill in the manual of arms was a most profitable piece of work, and the boys proved that they could handle the piece just as deftly as anyone, and there are many companies in the guard who could not do as well, both as regards the movements executed and the manual also. The new quick step, dedicated to Col. Barber, was played for the first time, and proved to be an excellent composition. Dancing was the finale of the interesting programme, and was largely indulged in by the prominent military men among the guests present, and the corps are to be congratulated on the great success of their entertainment.

3d Lieut. W. F. Catterfield has been elected 1st Lieut. of Co. C.

The handsome solid gold and silver medals to be presented to the successful winners in the games of the Athletic Association to be held at the armory on May 10, are of new and beautiful design, and will shortly be on exhibition in the window of Messrs. Tredwell, Sloate and Co., 273 277 Broadway, New York.

The coming entertainment of Co. B, 12th N. Y., Capt. C. S. Burns, which is to take place at the armory on April 22, promises to be one of unusual interest. Besides the presence of Gen. D. 14th N. Y., and the cadets from the Orchard Lake Military Academy, Mich., Maj. N. Henry, surgeon of the regiment, is arranging for a practical illustration by the ambulance corps in giving aid to the injured. It will be interesting and full of instruction.

The right wing of the regiment will assemble for battalion drill on the evening of April 19 and the left wing on April 11. The entire regiment will parade for drill and inspection of leaders and companies on the evening of April 25.

The lecture of Lieut. G. A. Zinn, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, on the subject of coast defences, vessels which attack them and illustrations of different torpedo systems, was highly interesting, and the listeners were enlightened on many points they had not been aware of before.

## Thirteenth New York.—Col. D. E. Austen.

LIEUT.-COL. WM. J. HARDING, of this regiment, has recently received from the Board of Officers of the 23d N. Y. a beautifully engrossed set of resolutions on parchment, commemorating the services of his valuable regiment in that capacity and as a token of the high esteem in which he was held. After the transfer of Col. Harding to the 13th, the Board of Officers of the 23d held a meeting and it was resolved that the resolutions referred to be entered in the minutes and a copy be engrossed and sent to Col. Harding, and it was further resolved that he be elected an honorary member of the Board. Among other things, the resolutions state that Col. Harding entered the 23d Regiment as an enlisted man on July 14, 1867. He at that time was an accomplished and experienced soldier, having served in the ranks and as a line and staff officer in the Federal Army during and after the War of the Rebellion. His superior soldierly merit did not long escape the notice of Col. Porter, who on Oct. 11, 1869, appointed him from the ranks to the office of adjutant, a most unusual and, in this regiment, an unprecedented honor. With a keen military instinct, he was one of the most potent forces to lead the regiment away from the unmilitary methods of the past; he ever kept in mind the ideal of military efficiency. By those interested in the regiment who can recall the organization as it was 15 or 20 years ago, and the methods which in those days passed unquestioned, and remember the constant earnestness and untiring influence always exerted by Col. Harding in the direction which is now generally accepted in the regiment as its true course, his efforts will ever be gratefully acknowledged. The orders drawn up and issued by him while adjutant will serve in the future, as they have in the past, as models not only for his successors, but for other organizations. Col. Harding instituted the system of regimental recruit classes, which has been continued to the present time, and which has been found so beneficial to the regiment. For many years he gave much attention to the theoretical instruction of the non-commissioned officers, which was greatly appreciated. The resolutions conclude with the wish that he shall leave as enduring and brilliant mark upon the history of the 13th Regiment as he has upon that of the 23d. Col. B. C. D. G. and I assembled at the armory on Thursday evening, March 28, and were equalized into six commands of 16 files double rank, and were promptly formed by Lieut. Coughlin, of Co. B, acting adjutant, and turned over to the instructor, Major Morie. The manual of arms was well done. The command went through the loadings and firings, the guides fell back at the command ready, which was wrong. The firing was good, but the instructor should command posts before the battalion is marched off. In the movement left front into line face to the rear, at the command left front into line double time, some of the men did not bring their pieces to the right shoulder and some executed the movement at a carry. Several companies in executing the above movement, when they had marched to the rear, faced about without halting. This movement was repeated with some success, but there was hardly enough space in the armory to execute many of the movements. The movement on the left close column of companies was quickly executed, but there was too much distance between the commands. The marching of the companies was good and the ranks well closed up. The double column was poor, and the divisions did not take the proper distance. In the movement right into line wheel, left companies on left into line, one of the left companies executed left wheel and did not take its proper position. In many of the movements the men did not seem to move with enough alacrity, and the company officers would do well to repeat the commands of the instructor.

## Fourteenth New York.—Col. Harry W. Mitchell.

The regiment assembled in the armory on March 27, in full dress uniform, for drill and the presentation of marksman's badges and the medals presented by the State of New York to the members of the Ambulance Corps. The regiment was formed in 16 commands of 16 files double rank, and, turned over to Col. Mitchell, who exercised the com-



The bills introduced for new armories for the 23d, 14th and



12th Regiments, N. Y., are receiving due attention and the outlook is very favorable for all.

The members of the 12th Sep. Co., Troy, N. Y., Capt. Egolf, have had their photographs taken, 108 in all, to be placed in a large frame and hung in the company's parlor in the armory. This company shows marked improvement in drill, and the attendance at the weekly drills will average about 80. The men seem to take an increased interest in the organization, and at the recent inspection many compliments were paid the company for their fine appearance and the proficiency they displayed in executing the different movements in the drill order.

The Berkeley School Corps will give its ninth annual prize drill and review April 12 at the Seventh Regiment Armory. The review will be by Major Gen. Daniel Butterfield. The exercises will consist of a battalion drill, competitive drill for colors by three divisions, skirmish drill, Gatling battery drill, and illustrations of military exercises used in the English Army in subterfuge and lance drill. The exercises will close with dress parade.

The resignation of Private Russell Dart, Jr., as treasurer of the 12th N. Y., as office he has filled efficiently for several years, having been accepted, Private Alanson B. Wilson was duly elected for the balance of the term.

The new blouses of the 11th Separate Co., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., were issued to the members of the company on March 25. The white piping around the collar was much admired, especially by the ladies who looked on from the gallery. A very interesting drill was then given, Lieut. E. J. Kinder being in command. Some of the wheeling was not at first up to the usual standard, but after a few "special points" had been given by the Lieutenant a marked difference was noticed. F. M. Sargent has been appointed 1st sergeant to fill the vacancy. At a special meeting after the drill, Priv. James Parker was elected Corporal. The Glee Club is in a flourishing condition, and soon expects to give a concert. Work on the new armory is being pushed rapidly forward, and in a few weeks one can form a good idea of what kind of a building it will be.

The State of New York will request the issue to them (as

part of their allowance from the Government from the annual appropriation) a battery of steel breech-loading field guns of the latest pattern, complete with caissons and harness.

#### SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

In our recent article on the "Cincinnati" we gave the names of a number of distinguished men belonging to the original State societies of that order. In the Rhode Island list the name is omitted of Dr. Senter, who was the great-grandfather of Capt. Butler D. Price, of the 4th Inf., U. S. A. Dr. Senter was a man of some eminence in his profession, a fellow of the London and Mass. Medical Societies and highly revered for his patriotism. He joined the R. I. troops as surgeon immediately after the battle of Lexington, was captured while serving in Arnold's division at the assault upon Quebec, and after much suffering returned to his State in 1779. His health was affected seriously by the hardships he endured at this time. The epitaph on his tombstone in the old cemetery at Newport, R. I., reads as follows:

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#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Trooper.—The revolver belt is no longer supplied to the Army.

T. H. Y.—Write for information to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

W. G. C.—Captain W. E. Van Ried, U. S. A., is now on the retired list and resides at 908 Howard street, San Francisco.

G. 6th Cavalry.—So far as we know the address of Col. Guido Hues is Cincinnati, Ohio; and of Maj. Wm. Howard Mills, Washington, D. C.

J. D. M.—The Desertion Bill you refer to was approved by the President March 2, 1889, and is now law. We have mailed you a copy of it.

Clerk asks: Are General Service clerks employed as printers at Division and Department Headquarters since the operation of G. O. M. A. G. O., 1886? Ans.—No, not so far as we are aware of.

Staff.—The regulation to which you refer is par. 42, and as amended to G. O. M. A. G. O., Aug. 5, 1885, reads as follows: "An officer shall not fill any staff appointment, or other situation the duties of which will detach him from his company, regiment, or corps, until he has served at least three years with his regiment or corps; nor shall any officer so remain detached longer than four years, unless assigned to special duty by the War Department."

A. B. C. asks: Do you consider the instruction in drill and discipline in the 7th Regiment superior to anything outside of West Point? Ans.—The 7th is generally considered first, in these respects, among the commands in the National Guard. It is only fair to credit this result to a certain extent to superiority in instruction. There are others, however, that are but little behind the 7th, and some, perhaps, in which the instruction is fully as efficient.

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H. F. W. asks the name of the Congressman representing the district in which the 23d Ward, Brooklyn, is contained. Also, if there is a vacancy at Annapolis for that Congressional district; if not, the name and class of cadet from there. Ans.—3d New York. The district is represented at the Naval Academy by Cadet Bassett, and there will be no vacancy until 1890. The Congressman of that district is the Hon. S. V. White.

W. J. F. asks: 1. Can a right or left turn be made from a halt? Ans.—Tactics, para. 62 and 206, provide for turning only when marching. From a halt the wheel should be used.

2. Drilling by the numbers, in place rest, or rest, is given. When attention is called, is drilling by the numbers done away with, or is the drilling by the numbers still in effect, till without the numbers is given? Ans.—The command rest, or in place rest, terminates the effect of the by the numbers, and it should be repeated, if the manual is to be resumed in that way.

B. W. says: I notice in your issue, March 23, your critic, referring to battalion drill of the 4th N. Y. Regt., says: "In the movement, close column on fourth company right in front, that the left guide of the third company should face to the rear when his company is being dressed." Are the companies not dressed to the right with the right guides faced to the rear? Ans.—The critic was entirely right. In the case mentioned the fourth company was the rearmost sub division. The first, second and third companies, after wheeling about by fours moved forward, guide right, the regular left being temporarily the right guides. Arrive at the proper distance, each company successively wheeled about by fours, and this done the regular left guides were on the left and were properly designated as left guides. Each of them should then have faced to the rear, and so remained until the command, guides about face.

T. L. D. asks when and where the Yorktown will go in commission, and to what stations she will most likely be attached? Ans.—The Yorktown will go in commission April 10. It is not known to what station she will be attached.

Inquisitive asks: Was Grant a general or a lieutenant-general, and how many lieutenant-generals were there up to the close of the late War? Ans.—Grant was lieutenant-general first and general second. He was a general on the retired list when he died. Up to the close of the war there were two lieutenant-generals, Washington and Grant. Scott was a lieutenant-general by brevet.

Rochester.—Send to the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., for copy of regulations for admission to the Naval Academy. Appointments are made according to number of vacancies existing in the lower grades of line, Engineer Corps and Marine Corps, selections being made from those standing highest in class; a recent law places number at not less than 15. All surplus graduates are discharged with a year's pay.

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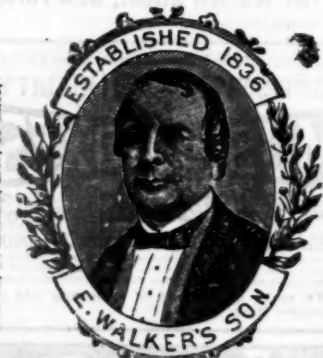
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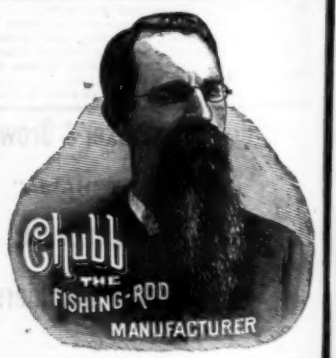
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PANAMA, March 25.—M. Jaquez has received a cable dispatch from M. Brunet, the official liquidator of the canal company in Paris, in which the latter says that the Slaven Contracting Company has terminated its labors, and that the canal company will take charge of all the contracting company's factories, work and materials. The Jacob Company will continue its works. The contract with Messrs. Artigue, Sonderegger & Co. for the work at Bobie has been rescinded. The Societe de Travaux Publics has resumed its contract and is delivering materials. Messrs. Artigue, Sonderegger & Co. continue the work at Culebra, as do also Barataux, Letellier & Co. at La Boca. The Eiffel Company and Erzinger, Dephieux, Galtier & Co. have received orders to stop work. A number of great contracting firms have already had their contracts rescinded, and the company is taking possession of the shops, the materials, and the work which has been executed. The steamers leaving the Isthmus have carried away Jamaicans and other West India islanders, Venezuelans and others to the number of 6,000. It is believed an equal number of others will leave as soon as means of transportation are offered. Owing to the great poverty and scarcity of fuel empty houses along the line of the canal work are being torn down and the lumber in them is being utilized for cooking purposes.

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translation to the end of the passage. He read the French with a fair accent and then began the English. He halted over the title but an instant and then read off, "Leopold, the duck and the ostrich." The anecdote is one of the traditions of West Point to this day.—*Providence Journal*.

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ALEXANDER.—At Los Angeles, Cal., March 29, Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD H. ALEXANDER, Surgeon, U. S. Army.

ARMS.—In a hurricane, at Apia, Samoa, March 15, Paymaster FRANK H. ARMS, U. S. Navy.

BARNETT.—At Fort Riley, Kansas, March 27, Capt. RICHARDS BARNETT, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.

FULTON.—At Fort Bayard, N. M., March 28, 2d Lieutenant DAVID W. FULTON, 24th U. S. Infantry.

MACFARLANE.—Suddenly, at Philadelphia, April 1, JOHN MACFARLANE, Carpenter, U. S. Navy.

MCGUNNIE.—At Fort Buford, D. T., Thursday morning, March 21, of diphtheria, JUAN, second son of 1st Lieut. G. K. McGunnie, Adj. 15th Infantry, aged 6 years. Thus in the short space of three weeks has Lieut. McGunnie been bereft of a loving wife and a noble little boy, who was not only a universal favorite, but also beloved by the entire garrison. Apparently hale, hearty and full of life on Monday, yet on Thursday morning following he was laid to rest beside his dear mother, who had but a short time preceded him and prepared a place for him in her heavenly home. "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." That God in his infinite mercy may cheer and comfort our Adjutant in this his double bereavement and spare him his remaining little ones is the prayer of us all.

PAULDING.—March 25, at Cold Springs-on-the-Hudson, ROBERT PARROT PAULDING, eldest son of Peter Kemble and Elizabeth P. Paulding, in the 43d year of his age.

POE.—At Detroit, Mich., March 30, in the thirteenth year of his age, ORLANDO W., son of General O. M. and Eleanor Carroll Poe.

RENO.—At Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., April 1, MARCUS A. RENO, formerly Major 1st U. S. Cavalry.

ROCHE.—In a hurricane, at Apia, Samoa, March 15, JOHN ROCHE, Paymaster's Clerk, U. S. Navy.

SCHOONMAKER.—In a hurricane, at Apia, Samoa, March 15, Captain C. M. SCHOONMAKER, U. S. Navy.

SUTTON.—In a hurricane, at Apia, Samoa, March 15, Lieutenant F. E. SUTTON, U. S. Marine Corps.

WILLIAMS.—At Newbury, N. Y., April 2, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE A. WILLIAMS, Major, U. S. Army, retired.

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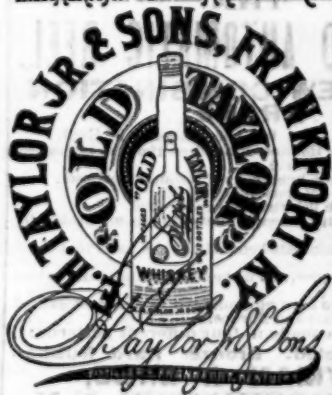
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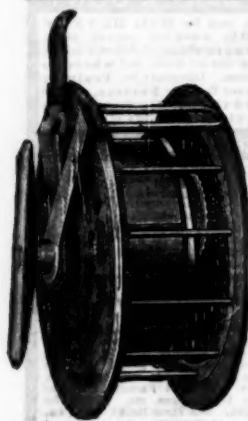
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